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## KARPIS GRILLED ON 'LEAK'

ST. PAUL, May 5 (I.N.S.)—Spurred on by the hope that soon they would break wide open the "leak" that frustrated every effort to seize the kidnapers of William Hamm, jr., when the wealthy brewer was snatched, G-men today subjected Alvin Karpis to the most intensive grilling the captured mobster has been through yet.

In putting the pressure on Karpis in an effort to make him talk, the Federal agents revealed how the kidnapers, with amazing accuracy, were able to forestall every move of the law while negotiations for Hamm's \$200,000 ransom were under way.

They told how the kidnapers twice changed instructions in their ransom notes, upsetting the Government's carefully laid plans to crush the plot.

The first ransom letter, it was revealed, instructed William W. Dunn, Hamm's sales manager, who had been selected as contact man, to deliver the ransom money in a light delivery truck.

When this note was read before a small group of G-men and a half-dozen police officials—no one else was permitted to see it—Dunn exclaimed:

"But, my God, I never drove a truck in my life. All I ever have driven are a Chevrolet and a Ford."

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# Two Seized With Karpis Moved by Federal Men

NEW ORLEANS—Government operatives today removed Fred Hunter and the pretty red-haired woman from the Federal Building where they have been held prisoners since their arrest with the notorious Alvin Karpis last Friday.

The authorities refused to say where either was taken. It was believed, however, that Hunter was started for Cleveland where he is charged with robbing the mails. Operatives declined to say what disposition would be made of the woman. They denied that she furnished the tip that led to the capture of Karpis in a Canal-st apartment.

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R. E. ROSEN

# Karpis Was Beaten And Knew It--Hoover

## F. B. I. Head Returns to Find Pay Raise O. K. 'd by House

By OUR LITTLE  
GIRL REPORTER

I sat between J. Edgar Hoover and Walter Winchell at the fights in Joe Turner's arena last night and listened to two fascinating men discuss the details of the capture of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1.

On one side, his face lined by the strain of the last few days (he hasn't slept, except in cat naps on airplanes, since Karpis was captured), sat the stocky, sturdy Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

### RAPID CROSS-FIRE

On the other side, tense, interested, tremendously alive—Winchell. He's here because he sometimes gets tired of New York. When he does, he comes to Washington, "for the rest." Over my head zipped a rapid cross-fire of conversation.

But what Hoover said to Karpis and Karpis said to Hoover is what most interested me. This is what took place when Karpis faced the guns of the G-men.

"How do you do, Mr. Hoover. Why don't you shoot me?"  
"Because you didn't try to

shoot me. Anyway, how did you know who I was?"

### SAW HIS PICTURE

"I saw your picture with that big sailfish down in Florida." Hoover, with the guns of his men trained on Karpis, remarked, "So you like fishing?"

"Yeah, I did. Then I saw you with that big one and I realized I was beaten. Now I'm beaten again."

One of the first things Director Hoover found out, when he returned to Washington, was that his salary would be raised \$1,000, from \$9,000 to \$10,000, by a bill passed yesterday by the House of Representatives. Now the bill goes to the Senate.

"I guess anyone can use \$1,000, but I'd rather have my boys get their pension."

### PENSIONS SOUGHT

It seems that Mr. Hoover's request for pensions and retirement pay for his agents is now receiving favorable consideration. A bill introduced by Representative McMillan of South Carolina provides for this protection.

Congress is expected to act on it within the next few days. Meanwhile Mr. Hoover has started a new hunt—for Karpis' hidden fortune—estimated at \$500,000.

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## G-MAN CHIEF TALKS

*Herald Hears How Karpis Was  
Finally Nabbed*



J. EDGAR HOOVER (l.), KATHERINE BARRETT  
AND WALTER WINCHELL  
*Head G-Man and News Ace at the Fights While Our  
Little Girl Reporter Sits In*

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## KARPIS' DAD ASHAMED

**By GORDON SESSIONS**

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This information came from a widely-known St. Paul figure, for many years closely acquainted with the gang chieftains who made this city the rendezvous of so many outlaws that Attorney General Cummings once called it America's "Crime Capital."

Federal agents, under Chief Clinton Stein, continued their relentless grilling of Karpis for the third day, with only occasional interruption.

**ADMITTS KIDNAPING**  
 Their chief success was yesterday when Karpis confessed to the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, millionaire St. Paul banker, and the \$100,000 abduction of William Hamm, jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer.

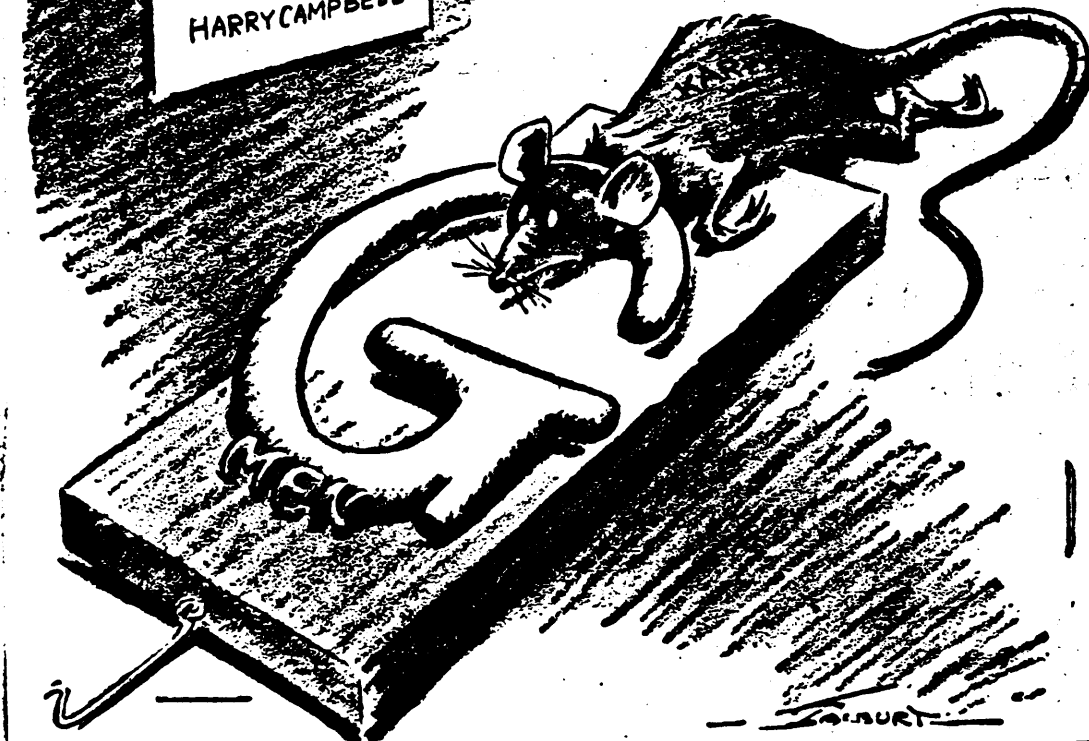
Of the impending political expose, Universal Service's informant elaborated:

**JOHN KARPAVIOZ**, father of recently captured Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis, is shown as he chased reporters and photographers off his property with a tire pump. 'Karpis' father and mother are ashamed and frightened with the publicity and want to be left alone.

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~~DILLINGER~~  
~~MACHINE GUN KEEHY~~  
~~BABY FACE NELSON~~  
~~FOLLY~~  
~~JOHN HAMILTON~~  
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May 5, 1936

# KARPIS ARREST TO TOUCH OFF MORE SCANDAL

Present Police and City  
Officials May Be Im-  
plicated in Deals

By GORDON SESSIONS  
Universal Service

St. Paul, Minn., May 4—One of the greatest political explosions in all St. Paul's history is about to be touched off in the wake of Alvin Karpis' confession to \$300,000 worth of kidnaping, it was learned authoritatively today.

Former and present police and city officials "right up near the top" will be implicated if the federal men who are grilling the erstwhile No. 1 outlaw can make him name those who aided him in his spectacular crime career.

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## "Obvious Conclusions"

He voiced the opinion that there should be "obvious conclusions" from the fact that these fellows were never picked up until the federal men did it.

It is because of these politico-criminal alliances that the federal agents under Chief Clinton Stein of the St. Paul division are continuing their interrogation of Karpis so relentlessly. This was the third day that they had questioned him almost constantly, with occasional interruption to permit him to rest.

Their success was yesterday when Karpis confessed to the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, millionaire St. Paul banker, and the \$100,000 abduction of William Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer.

As far as the agents would admit today, however, he still was refusing to name any of his accomplices, remaining true to gangland's so-called honor code despite his loss of much of his previous belligerence.

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# Woman Arrested With Karpis Is Still Detained

Universal Service

New Orleans, La., May 4. — G-men's headquarters on the third floor of the post office building continued to serve as a jail tonight while the "mystery woman" who was arrested here Friday with Al Karpis, entered her fourth night of detention there.

The woman, who was seen briefly tonight when one of the translucent glass doors was opened, apparently by mistake, is rather pretty. She has red hair, a pleasant moon-like face with plump cheeks and regular features. When seen she was seated on a cot, laughing.

Department of justice men hastily closed the door and the usual silence was maintained.

"No statement at all," declared David Magee, head of the G-men here.

"How long will she be kept here?" he was asked.

"Can't say. We're likely to be here for a month," he replied.

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That J. Edgar Hoover, chief of that department, personally supervised the capture of Karpis, facing the bandit who threatened to shoot him on sight, and arrested this "Public Rat No. 1" without a shot being fired, without assistance from local authorities, shows what fine service these so-called "G" men render.

There are those who cry out against the so-called invasion of the federal government in local and State affairs, but if a friend or relative is kidnaped and the "G" men, skilled in secret service and the art of capturing kidnapers, come to your rescue, you would be proud to say that you encouraged the federal government in providing protection for you and your family, for your neighbors and the Nation as a whole.

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#### Taunts for Karpis

THE agents working for the United States government bureau of investigation—the much publicized “G-men” who have been on the trail of the gangsters and killers, wanted for various offenses, for some months now—deserve all possible credit for their bloodless capture of Alvin Karpis, “Public Enemy No. 1” the other day. But it is a serious question whether “Head G-Man” J. Edgar Hoover, otherwise chief of the federal bureau of investigation, used the best of judgment in a bragging statement following the arrest of the “bad man.”

Hoover, telling newspapermen of the capture, commented that Karpis had said he “wouldn’t be taken alive,” yet when he was surrounded by government agents he had surrendered readily. “We took him without firing a shot,” Hoover told reporters. “That marked him as a dirty, yellow rat. He was scared to death when we closed in on him. He shook all over—his voice, his hands and his knees.”

Somehow this sounds as though Hoover was somewhat disappointed that there was no gun battle. It surely is a taunt flung at other “bad men,” real and imitation, that the government agents will try to capture next. It may or may not prod the next gangster into shooting it out with the government men. Is Mr. Hoover going to be any happier if this is the immediate result of his statement, and his force loses the services of two or three brave agents in the battle?

It is one thing to point out, in a general way, that most of these highly touted gun-men are cowards at heart. It is an altogether different thing to issue what amounts to a challenge to them to resist hopeless odds when cornered, thereby risking the lives of government agents assigned to the job. And, in any event, Karpis’ nervous fright may be in part the result of the widely circulated rumor that the G-men who caught John Dillinger were instructed to act as an “execution” squad. Karpis doubtless believed this story and figured he was about to get the same treatment. Chief G-Man Hoover has denied the Dillinger killing was an “execution,” but his comment concerning Karpis seems to suggest that he thirsted for the latest gangster’s blood, and hoped his men would have the opportunity to shoot.

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## Face Lifted



Alvin Karpis had his face lifted, but it made no apparent change in his facial appearance. In the top picture he is shown before the plastic surgery, in the bottom picture after the operation.

## Karpis Faces 4 Indictments

**\$400,000 to Bs Asked as Bail for Outlaw**

ST. PAUL, May 4 (AP)—District Attorney Sullivan said today he would ask bail of \$400,000, believed to be the largest amount ever demanded in this country, when Alvin Karpis is arraigned on charges of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm.

Stressing that Karpis is wanted for numerous killings and branding him as "one of the most desperate characters in the history of this Nation," Mr. Sullivan said he would ask that \$100,000 be set for each of the four charges on which the gangster was indicted.

Karpis was indicted on two charges in the Hamm abduction and two in the Bremer kidnaping. Two are for conspiracy and the others accuse him of participation in the actual kidnaping.

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## Rough on Rats!



# AIRTIGHT CASE AGAINST KARPIS IS PREDICTED

District Attorney To  
Ask \$400,000 Bail  
For Bandit.

## QUIZZED STEADILY

Prosecutor Not Interested  
In Confession or Plea  
In Kidnap Trial.

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In explanation of what he said he believed was an unprecedented bail demand, Sullivan called Karpis "one of the most desperate characters in the history of the nation." He added he was prepared to arraign Karpis as soon as questioners have finished.

### Federal Quiz Desperado.

Federal agents have interrogated Karpis continually since he was rushed here by airplane Saturday morning from New Orleans. His questioners did not disclose results of their efforts or when they expected to complete the task.

United States agents said Karpis was quizzed concerning the \$100,000 ransom kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., a brewing company head; the abduction of Edward G. Bremer, for whose release \$200,000 was paid, as well as nearly a score of other crimes. Among them were two holdups—a \$30,000 payroll holdup in South St. Paul and the \$112,000 Third Northwestern National Bank robbery in Minneapolis. Four persons were killed in the two crimes.

### Murder Trial Up to Washington.

Clinton W. Stein, in charge of the department of justice office here, said only Washington authorities could state whether Karpis eventually would be taken to Missouri for trial on charges of slaying a sheriff. A death sentence is possible in that state.

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Fitzgerald is held here on a Hamm kidnaping indictment. Barker is serving a life term in Alcatraz prison for the Bremer abduction.

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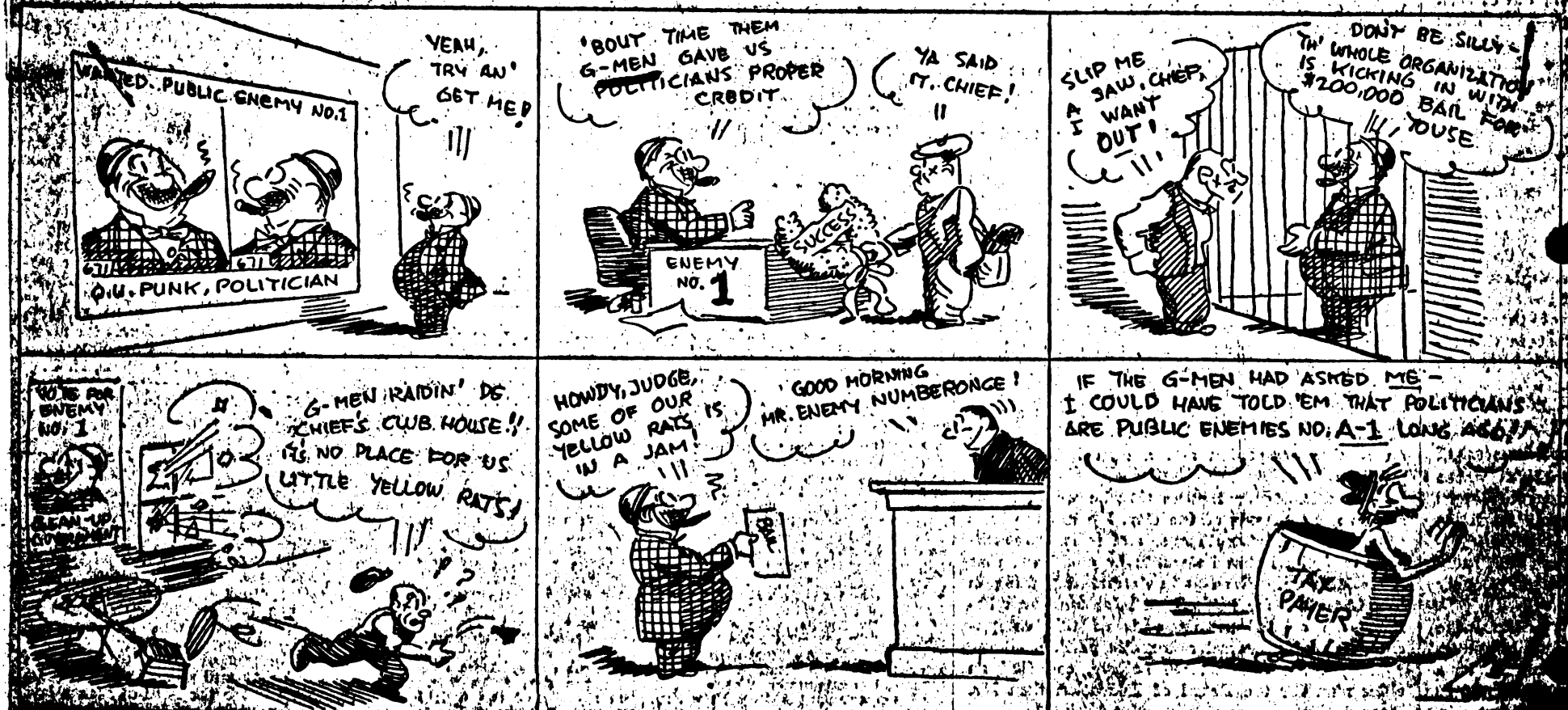
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**BAIL, BAIL, TH' GANG'S ALL HERE!** *NEWS ITEM:—"J. Edgar Hoover calls 'old man politics' public enemy No. 1, not gangsters who are merely 'yellow rats.'"*



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### THE FEDERAL WAY.

**T**HERE is another big lesson for the country in general and for State law enforcement in particular, we think, in the highly efficient, clean-cut, non-fumbling way J. Edgar Hoover and his federal G-men dealt with Alvin Karpis under the federal kidnaper law.

No games of tag with justice across State lines. No jurisdictional tangles. Nothing to halt the swift conveyance of Karpis from New Orleans to the custody of the federal authorities in St. Paul.

No \$1,000-a-day costs, as in the case of getting "Lucky" Luciano back from Hot Springs, Ark., to New York County.

No local clumsiness or unseemly publicity stunts, as when the late John Dillinger was photographed in the encircling arm of a smirking prosecuting attorney at the Crown Point, Ind., jail, from which the desperado shortly after escaped.

No nonsense of any sort.

When Mr. Hoover points to politicians and their hand-picked appointees as the bane of law enforcement, when he says, "Politics itself is Public Enemy No. 1," he obviously has in mind what too often happens in State criminal jurisdictions. There's sharp meaning and contrast in his statement:—

"Federal Department of Justice agents capture more than 5,000 persons annually charged with various federal violations. It is difficult to rate them. To us they are all 'rats.'"

Why not give the people of these United States even greater benefits from this cold, quick, non-political federal efficiency in dealing with criminals who become public enemies?

For example, why not extend federal law to bring into federal jurisdiction any man convicted anywhere of three major felonies who is fleeing across State lines to escape trial for a fourth?

That would be a speedier remedy than getting slow-moving States to adopt uniform extradition laws. Far speedier than cutting what Mr. Hoover describes as "the links of the underworld to politics and at times to law enforcement officials."

Few States at the present time can afford to despise federal aid and federal expertness of the kind shown in more captures than that of Karpis. Certainly not this State.

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## KARPIS EVIDENCE IS CALLED AIRTIGHT

Federal Attorney at St. Paul  
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sion or Guilty Plea.

### PRISONER KEPT SHACKLED

Man and Woman Also Seized in  
New Orleans Raid Still Held—  
Latter May Be Freed.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 4.—The government is not interested in Alvin Karpis's alleged confession and decision to plead guilty to the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm Jr., because it has an "airtight" case against him, George F. Sullivan, Federal District Attorney, said today.

"We have to try the other defendants in the Hamm case anyway," Mr. Sullivan said, "so we don't care whether Karpis pleads guilty or elects to stand trial. Just one more defendant means nothing to us since we are convinced he will be found guilty."

Federal agents continued to question Karpis about the two kidnappings and other crimes with which he has been linked. He has been held shackled and guarded by G-men in the Department of Justice office since he was brought here Saturday by airplane from New Orleans where he was seized in a bloodless coup.

Mr. Sullivan said he was prepared to arraign the prisoner as soon as the Federal agents conclude their questioning. When this ends, Karpis will be turned over to the Marshal's office to be transferred to the Ramsey County jail.

Clinton W. Stein, head of the Department of Justice office here, refused to comment on reports that Karpis confessed and indicated willingness to plead guilty to one of the kidnapping charges.

Mr. Stein said the decision of whether to turn Karpis over to Missouri officials for the killing of Sheriff C. R. Kelly at West Plains was up to the Attorney General or the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington. Karpis is under indictment for the slaying in Missouri, where capital punishment is legal.

Mr. Sullivan disclosed that two Chicago attorneys conferred with him over the week-end about the arraignment of Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville (Ill.) postmaster; on two indictments charging participation in the \$100,000 abduction of Mr. Hamm on June 15, 1933. According to government agents, Mr. Hamm has identified Bartholmey's house as the hideout where he was held prisoner for four days.

Two companions seized with Karpis in New Orleans on Friday, Fred Hunter and a woman identified as Ruth Robinson, were still being held in the Louisiana city. Hunter is wanted in connection

with a mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, but Federal authorities said the woman would not be held unless it could be shown that she had aided or harbored either Karpis or Hunter.

### Dillinger Lawyer Starts Sentence.

By The Associated Press.

CHICAGO, May 4.—Louis Piquett, onetime counsel for John Dillinger, started tonight to serve a two-year Federal sentence for harboring Homer Van Meter, a Dillinger aide, when Federal agents were seeking the gang.

Two appeals of Piquett for a thirty-day stay of sentence to take care of personal business were denied and the lawyer was put in the custody of Joseph Tobin, chief deputy marshal. The officer took him to the county jail pending removal to Leavenworth prison.

Piquett's conviction came after his acquittal in Federal court on a similar charge involving Dillinger.

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This information came from a widely-known St. Paul figure, for many years closely acquainted with the gang chieftains who made this city the rendezvous of so many criminals that Attorney General Cummings once called it America's "Crime Capital."

## GRILL CONTINUED.

It is because of these politico-criminal alliances that the Federal agents are continuing to question Karpis so relentlessly.

Their chief success was when Karpis confessed to the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, millionaire St. Paul banker, and the \$100,000 abduction of William Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer.

As far as the agents would admit today, however, he still was refusing to name any of his accomplices.

## "AIDED BY POLICE."

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"If the Federal men of the true story, it will be a town like it never was before."

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## PAY RAISE SEEN FOR HOOVER

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Spurred by the efficient showing of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the capture of Alvin Karpis and in other sensational cases broken recently, Congress began today to show its gratitude to the G-Men.

The House passed a bill raising the salary of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau, from \$9,000 to \$10,000 a year and sent it to the Senate. A companion bill is pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Senator Harry F. Ashurst (D.), of Arizona, chairman of the committee, is reportedly friendly to passage of the measure, but opposition because of Hoover's repeated criticism of political meddling in law enforcement work has blocked a favorable report to date.

## G-Men Hunt Hoard Secreted By Karpis

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Re-a relentless hunt has been ordered by Hoover to identify the persons who harbored Karpis as he skillfully side-stepped his Federal pursuers. This phase of the case is expected to involve some police officers in cities in which the gangster spent considerable time. New Orleans police, however, are not involved.

This comprises the vast bulk of Karpis' "take" from the 13 to 15 bank robberies, three train robberies and three kidnappings to which he already has confessed.

That he has carefully hidden his cache, Karpis bluntly admitted to Hoover, aides of the G-men's chief declared.

### DOLORES IN JAIL.

The admission came shortly after the gunman's capture. He was discussing Dolores Delaney, pretty St. Paul girl who met the desperado through Kate "Ma" Barker, lived with him and bore him a child. She is serving a prison term for shielding him from the law.

Karpis told Hoover:

"You got me, but Dolores and the baby will be all right. I've made arrangements so that neither of them will have to worry about money when she gets out."

It was the first statement Karpis made which reflected the tender sentiment he holds for the girl who shared some of his escapades, and the child who came into their lives.

Though the amount Karpis was able to set aside is little more than guesswork, it is estimated at close to \$500,000.

At the same time it was learned

### RESIGNED TO FATE.

Karpis is resigned to the life sentence, he told his captors. And, he has told them it is more of a "break" than he expected. He was convinced they would shoot him dead on sight and lived in terror during the last two years.

A small arsenal which, Karpis told the G-men, he has cached in Ohio for use when needed, is expected to be confiscated today. Though he admitted he had other guns hidden for emergencies, he declined to reveal their locations, apparently through a desire to protect friends who aided him as he evaded pursuit.

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# Karpis Pleads For Life

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Begging for the chance to serve a life term of imprisonment instead of being sent to the gallows for murder, Alvin Karpis, erstwhile boastful bad-man, arraigned here Monday in the \$100,000 ransom kidnaping of Billy Hamm, St. Paul brewer, is ready to plead guilty, Federal officers believe.

Whining a confession at the conclusion of his 48-hour grilling, Karpis was no longer the brave of his two-gun reputation. The swag-ger was all out of Karpis when he dragged his spatted patent leathers wearily as "G-men" marched him in chains to a cell in the Ramsey County jail.

"He spilled it all," one of the Federal officers grinned as the one-time marbles champion of Kansas entered a cage guaranteed to be escape proof. "Looks like a big cleanup," the government sleuth added.

While Clinton Stein, head of the St. Paul Bureau of Investigation, refused to talk of Karpis' alleged confession, it became known from other sources that the captive head of the Karpis-Barker mob, all gun-men and killers, told enough to justify official confidence in be-lieving they will soon have under arrest everybody connected with the other big St. Paul ransom kid-naping, in which Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, paid \$200,000 for freedom.

Also, unofficially, it was learned how to locate the big "leak" in Federal secrets which hampered investigators during the Bremer kidnap inquiry and that sensa-tional developments are likely to ensue.

One official said:  
"Karpis wasn't brave when he looked into the muzzles of half a dozen shotguns. The battery could have blown him to shreds. He put up his hands and quit."

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New York Mirror, May 5, 1936

### A Good Bait to KEEP on the Trap



This bait will attract a lot of rats to the trap.

The "money-bait" helped catch Dillinger; it has caught many criminals, because there is always somebody close to every criminal who will "squeal" for \$5,000—if he is sure that the law enforcing agency that pays for the information won't let the captured

criminal loose to take the "squealer" for a ride down a lonely road.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the justly famous "G-men," says that the \$5,000 reward that is posted for Karpis will not be paid because there is nobody eligible to receive it.

But if the Federal agents had not caught Karpis, the \$5,000 bait probably would. When the G-men catch a crook, the crook stays "caught" — usually under six feet of sod. That is comforting knowledge to "squealers," makes it safe for them to "squeal."

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# KARPIS SCARS HELD KEY TO MYSTERIES

By LEROY F. McHUGH.

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CHICAGO, May 5.—Two small scars beneath the ears of Alvin Karpis, recently captured Public Enemy No. 1, were believed today to hold the key to a score of gangland's deepest mysteries.

The two scars—if they could talk—or if Karpis would talk—probably would cast light on the ultimate fate of a shadowy Chicago figure, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, physician extraordinary to Chicago gangsters.

"Doc" Moran, reputed to have put those scars on Karpis in an attempted "face-changing" operation, is said to have been thrown to the bottom of Lake Erie by gangsters near Toledo in 1935 because he had a weakness for drink—and talk.

## SMALL TOWN BOY.

Moran was a popular small town boy from Spring Valley, Ill., who made a mistake. He was sent to Joliet Penitentiary in 1928 for performing an illegal operation.

Then later, when he was freed, the young surgeon, gang gossip has it, retouched the faces and healed the wounds of the late John Hamilton, Fred and Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and many others high on the public enemy list. Suddenly he vanished.

But there are those who knew "Doc" Moran well and who believe he is still alive today.

One is Dr. Hal O. Billig, prominent dentist of Maywood, where Moran once had an office. Dr. Billig, who examined the teeth of the body taken from the lake, said:

"There is no doubt in my mind that the body found in Lake Erie was not the body of Doc Moran."

## FUTURE FADES.

In 1932, when "Doc" Moran came to the office at Maywood and first crossed Dr. Billig's path, he already had strayed far from the ways of the promise of his youth.

Born of a respectable family in Spring Valley, he had been an affable, even a brilliant boy. He had fought in France. He brought home with him a burning ambition. He had seen doctors work under fire. He wanted to be a doctor himself. So he entered the Tufts Medical School in Boston where he became an honor student.

He married a Boston society girl and returned to La Salle, Ill., to practice. There he made his first misstep, and was sentenced to Joliet. In prison he became a friend of Ollie Berg, notorious diamond thief, who, is said to have lured the young surgeon permanently to the underworld.

He was paroled April 7, 1930. His wife had left him in the meanwhile. That was the "Doc's" background when he met Dr. Billig.

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Meanwhile, District Attorney Sullivan said bail of \$400,000 would be asked when Karpis is arraigned in the kidnappings. This was believed to be the largest ever demanded in this country.

The informant voiced the opinion that there should be "obvious conclusions from the fact that these fellows never were picked up until the Federal men did it."

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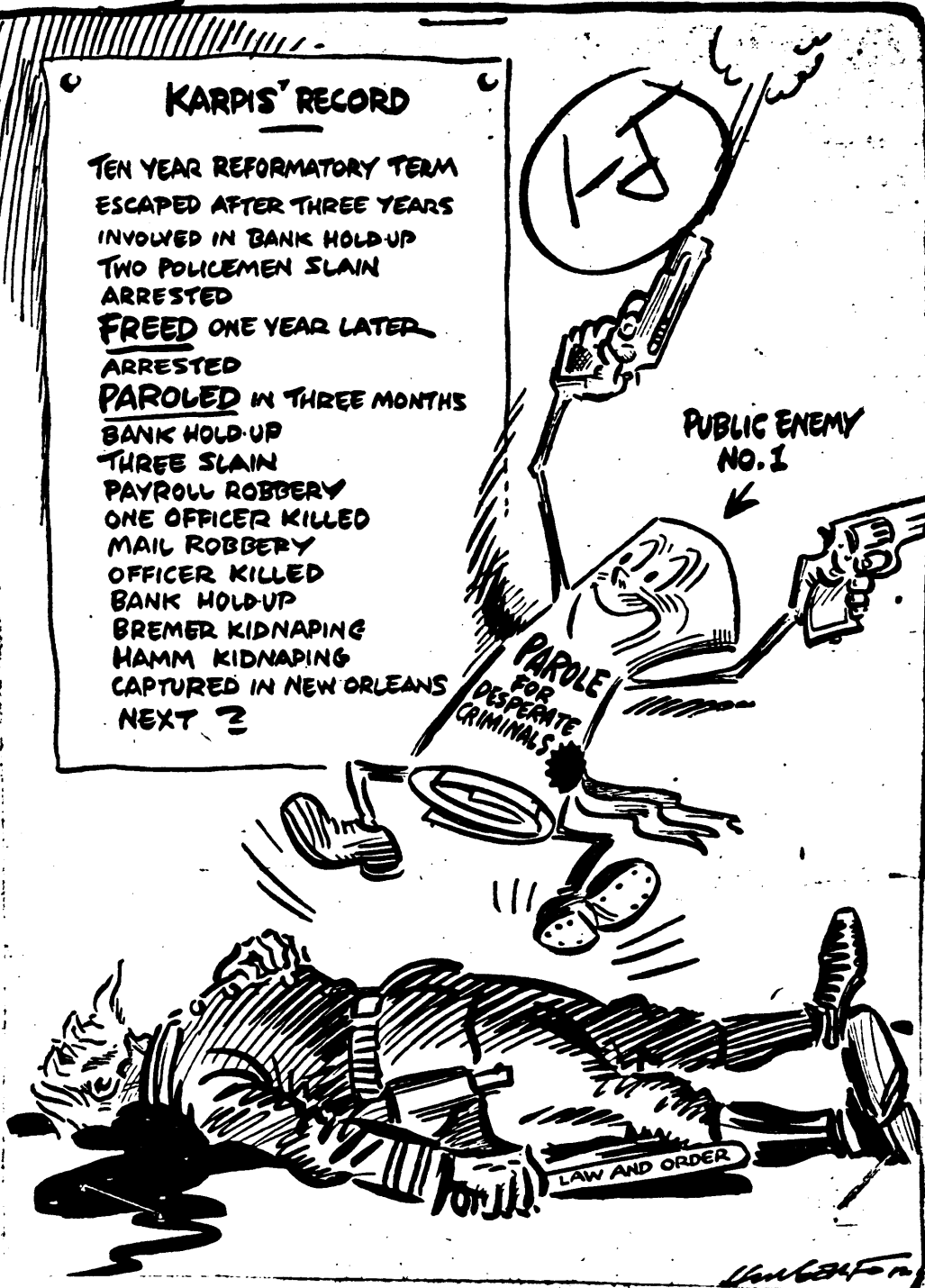
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# The Real Menace

—By Hungerford

## KARPIS' RECORD

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 ARRESTED  
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### **"Yellow Rats" And Boyhood Heroes**

A "YELLOW RAT" was the description given by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, of Alvin Karpis, who until last week was Public Enemy No. 1, but who this week is just another punk behind the bars waiting for what is coming to him.

Much has been said of the valuable work of the Department of Justice in killing and snaring gangsters.

Just as important, but frequently overlooked, is the service rendered the youth of the nation by the G-men in going away with boyhood idolatry of gangsters.

A few short years ago, John Dillinger and his ilk inspired the awe and admiration of the boy in the streets.

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The memory of gangsters in penthouses surrounded by politicians and beautiful women has been wiped out and in its place has been painted a picture of a rat dying in an alley.

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**Then They Arrested Karpis**

Rose in New York, to address an audience, Dr. GARRY C. MYERS, head of the Department of Parent Education in Cleveland College, Western Reserve University, and said newspapers publish slush and crime.

They must!

Consider the slush that will be uttered by important people on important subjects, on important occasions, between now and November, this being the year of a Presidential election.

Consider the right of civilized human beings to know of the bestial murder of Mrs. EULA MAY McCONNELL, of Chattanooga, last week.

Dr. MYERS forecast the day when newspapers will be supplementary to school text-books, and when school teachers will teach children to discriminate between good newspapers and bad ones—a project which well might be undertaken any time and anywhere—and “crime and other gruesome news” will be little emphasized by space or play.

The next day ALVIN KARPIS was arrested as he started from a Canal Street flat to get into an automobile in New Orleans.

Why should not schools supplement text-books by the report of how KARPIS was captured, and for what crimes he was wanted, and how J. EDGAR HOOVER and his G-men cornered him, and ~~look~~ him without a shot being fired on either side?

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MONDAY, MAY 4, 1936.

## Other Public Enemies

Killer Karpis, public enemy No. 1, having been taken alive without a shot, William Mahan, the Weyerhauser kidnaper, assumes the uneasy crown of his successor.

The Karpis capture sheds new luster on the Justice Department's capable agents, known as the G-men. One after another the big shots of America's gangdom have crumpled under their unrelenting drive. Seldom has this country seen such efficiency as J. Edgar Hoover's policemen are displaying.

This sensational record for crime detection only emphasizes more glaringly the weaknesses in our law-enforcement system that make much of their work futile. We refer particularly to our medieval reformatories and prisons where young men are schooled in crime, to the misuse of the "unwalled prisons" or probation and parole, to the social sink-holes where lawlessness spawns.

Karpis was an alumnus of both a high school and college of crime. At 16 he was sentenced to 10 years in a reformatory for stealing auto tires. There he is said to have learned safe-cracking and the other arts of his craft. In Kansas state penitentiary he was tutored by one of the criminal sons of "Ma" Kate Barker, specialist in robbery, kidnaping and murder.

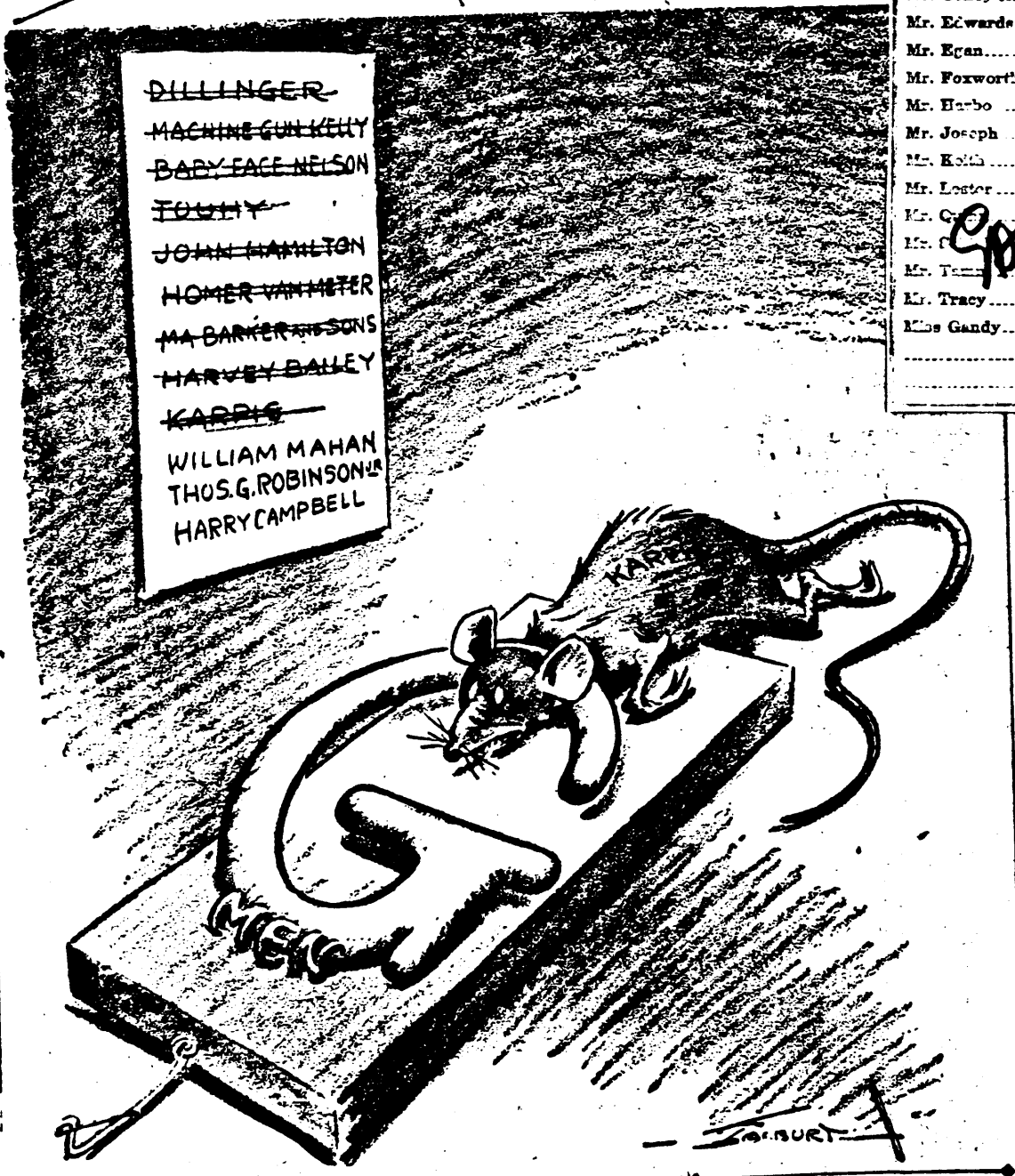
It was after he was paroled, however, that he made his reputation. Facing a four-year sentence in 1931 for burglary, he was paroled by a kindly, but misguided, Oklahoma judge. A month later he had committed a murder and was well along on his career as bank robber, kidnaper and killer.

Karpis, it happened, was not a child of the American city slums, but most of his fraternity are—and with them he fraternized. No program of crime suppression will succeed that does not deal with the things that go with extreme poverty—malnourishment, illiteracy, child neglect, the hovels and tenements that millions of families must call homes. It is an amazing paradox that the federal arm may reach unhindered into states and cities, there to detect and capture criminals; but when same federal arm seeks to improve those social conditions in states and cities that grow the seeds of crime it is not

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# Rough On Rats!



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*Jamestown Post*  
5/5 Unsuspecting



A statement by Sheriff James O'Reilly, of Toledo, Ohio, that he never suspected a man he knew as "Bob Miller" was the notorious Harry Campbell evoked from J. Edgar Hoover the retort: "It seems to me anyone would have recognized Harry Campbell." (Associated Press Photo)

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## CASE 'AIRTIGHT' AGAINST KARPIS

Prosecutor to Seek Bail of  
\$400,000—Grilling in  
Third Day.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 4.—(AP)—Alvin Karpis was subjected to his third day of almost continuous questioning today as District Attorney George F. Sullivan announced the government had "an airtight case" and would ask that bail be set at \$400,000 when the outlaw is arraigned on kidnaping charges.

In explanation of what he said was an unprecedented bail demand, Sullivan called Karpis "one of the most desperate characters in the history of the nation." He added he would arraign Karpis as soon as questioners have finished.

Federal agents have interrogated Karpis continually since he was rushed here by airplane Saturday from New Orleans, La., where he was seized the night before after a three-year hunt.

**Information Undisclosed**  
His questioners did not disclose results of their efforts.

United States agents said Karpis was quizzed concerning the \$100,000 ransom kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., a brewing company head; the abduction of Edward G. Bremer, for whose release \$200,000 was paid, as well as nearly a score of other crimes. Among them were two hold-ups—a \$30,000 pay roll holdup in South St. Paul and the \$112,000 Third Northwestern National Bank robbery in Minneapolis. Four persons were killed in the two crimes.

Clinton W. Stein, in charge of the Department of Justice office here, said only Washington authorities could state whether Karpis eventually would be taken to Missouri for trial on charges of slaying a sheriff. A death sentence is possible in that state. Life imprisonment is the maximum penalty on the charges Karpis faces here.

"The government is not interested in Karpis's alleged confession and decision to plead guilty," Sullivan said. "We have an airtight case against him. We've got to try other defendants in the Hamm case anyhow, and we don't care whether Karpis pleads guilty or elects to stand trial."

**Several to Be Tried in Fall.**

Karpis was one of seven persons indicted here two weeks ago for the Hamm kidnaping. Several are to be tried in the fall.

Ed J. Goff, Hennepin (Minneapolis) county attorney, said he would seek Karpis's indictment for the Minneapolis holdup. E. J. McAlpin, South St. Paul police chief, said a grand jury would be convened soon and asked to indict Karpis, Arthur (Doc) Barker, and Charles Fitzgerald for the payroll raid.

Fitzgerald is held here on a Hamm kidnaping indictment. Barker is serving a life term in Alcatraz prison for the Bremer abduction.

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# KARPIS COMES TO JUSTICE.

ALVIN KARPIS—"Old Creepy" to the underworld—yields his rank as Public Enemy No. 1 to a successor, as yet unnamed. Karpis' capture by federal agents in New Orleans marks another important victory for the "G-men" and increases the public's confidence in that branch of the national government.

Criminals like Karpis have revealed the impotence of local authority. The underworld knows no state boundaries. A dangerous gangster can move faster than state or local police. If they kill or capture him, luck is on their side, and their work is more a matter of circumstance than of well-organized effort. A man of Karpis' caliber has the odds on his side unless a nation-wide manhunt can be organized against him. That is what Director J. Edgar Hoover of the department of justice bureau of investigation did, and it was certain to bring results sooner or later.

Another decade of the federal agents' work should bring this country nearer the example of England, where the certainty of arrest and punishment leave no hope for the criminal.

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# "Just a Rat"

The other day, commenting upon the circumstances surrounding the capture of Alvin Karpis who had become known in the criminal lore of the day as Public Enemy No. 1, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, branded the outlaw as a "rat."

And that just about tells the story.

He was a miserable, frightened human, this Karpis, when he came to the end of the trail with the guns of Federal agents trained on him.

And it unquestionably was that fear of death, as he had meted it out to defenseless and innocent people in his mad career that broke the bragging murderer, made of him, as he has been in his whole crime career, "just a rat."

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# WOMAN ARRESTED WITH KARPIS FREE

Hoover Announces Release of  
Ruth Robinson—Hunter  
Still Held.

By the Associated Press.  
J. Edgar Hoover said today that Ruth Robinson, the red-haired woman seized by Federal agents with Alvin Karpis in New Orleans Friday night, has been released.

He said no charges will be placed against her.

Fred Hunter, arrested at the same time, is being held to face charges of harboring Karpis and also to face charges in connection with a mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, in which Karpis is also charged with participating.

NEW ORLEANS, May 5.—Ruth Robinson, the pretty "woman in white," who was taken into custody here last Friday with Alvin Karpis, the alleged St. Paul kidnaper, was spirited away from the Federal building early today by Bureau of Investigation officers.

She was taken to an undisclosed destination in an automobile.

Fred Hunter, her companion in the Karpis case, who is an Ohio mail robbery suspect, was slipped out of the building by another group of Federal agents.

Both had been questioned from Friday night until early this morning in the third-floor offices of David W. Magee, Federal agent in charge of the Bureau of Investigation here.

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## KARPIS COMPANIONS HIDDEN BY POLICE

"Woman in White" and Hunter  
Spirited Away After Lengthy  
Questioning.

By the Associated Press.

Both the prisoners have been housed  
in the Federal offices continuously  
since the raid. It is not known  
whether any charges have been filed  
against them.

Magee and his men took Ruth out  
of the building in the early morning  
hours with a black typewriter cover  
over her head to shield her face from  
view.

The latest sound from the temporary  
prison quarters last night was the hys-  
terical laughing of a woman, sup-  
posedly Ruth. After that Federal  
agents stuck their heads out of the  
door, looked up and down the corridors  
and ducked back in. Then nothing  
more was observed until the door  
slowly opened and the woman and her  
escorts attempted to slip out of the  
building unobserved.

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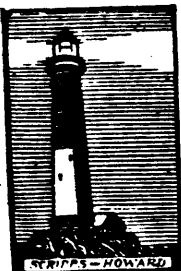
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### Justice for Karpis

Alvin Karpis, who became Public Enemy No. 1 upon the death of John Dillinger, has been an incorrigible criminal since he was sixteen. As the leader of an organized mob of gangsters, he is charged with robbery, kidnapping, jail-breaking and murder. He is one of the reasons why crime is costing the American people fifteen billion dollars a year.

Yet in 1931, after Karpis had a long crime and jail record, when he was sentenced to four years in the Oklahoma state prison, he was paroled by the trial judge after serving only three months in the county jail. Shortly after his parole he killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of Westplains, Missouri, when the officer walked into a garage to question him. It was cold-blooded murder. Previously Karpis had been freed from the Lansing, Kansas, penitentiary, after serving a year, though he had escaped some time before from the Kansas reformatory, after serving three years of a ten-year sentence.

The law has been much too lenient with Karpis, a hardened criminal and merciless killer. His parole cost lives, suffering and money. If he had been kept behind the bars where he belongs, two Minnesota kidnappings which cost the victims three hundred thousand dollars, undoubtedly would have been averted. Department of justice agents have been seeking Karpis intensively for the last two years, at considerable expense to the people.

G-men have done their duty well. They have captured Karpis. It is to be hoped that no technicalities, smart criminal lawyers, nor mischievous sympathy will delay his trial. He should be put to death for the crimes he has committed.

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THE DETROIT TIMES  
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### By Way of Report

J. Edgar Hoover tells this on himself. After trapping Alvin Karpis in New Orleans, where he and his special squad had never been before, they rode around the city with their prisoner for over 20 minutes—trying to find their way back to the Department of Justice offices.

### Shame, Shame, Shame!

The lawmakers in Washington, it appears, have pigeon-holed "In Committee" the bill to pension G-Men. The sum necessary for this would be \$70,000 per annum. When a G-Man is killed in action, we are told, \$200 is provided. For a casket.

### Add Irony

The G-Men have found it easier retrieving stolen money from criminals than getting any from Congress.

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**POOR JOB**—Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, got a poor job of face lifting in attempting to avoid detection. This picture, taken after his arrest in New Orleans by G-men, shows virtually no change from the Karpis of old.

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## BARE BURTON ATTEMPTS TO USE JOB WHIP

Statements of McCafferty  
Reveal Vote With Arti  
Lost Two Patronage.

### MAYOR ADMITS FIRING

Mistaken Policy, He Says;  
All but Unfit Rehired.

An attempt by Mayor Harold H. Burton to whip Republican councilmen into support of his stand on the appropriation ordinance by withdrawing their patronage was revealed yesterday at a hearing before the Civil Service Commission.

Councilman Thomas F. McCafferty testified that he and Councilman Thomas J. Gunning, who voted with the Democrats in support of the Artl amendment to the appropriation ordinance, had lost their patronage two days after they had voted.

"When I went to the mayor, he said: 'You've got to expect that if you don't go along with the administration,'" McCafferty said.

The mayor admitted last night that supporters of both men had been dropped, but said that the dropping was a "mistaken policy" and that most employees had been restored to the pay rolls, except for several found unfit for jobs.

#### Council Gets Mayor's Veto.

Burton also said that he might have said "something like" McCafferty's quotation of his language to McCafferty and to other Republican councilmen who met with him yesterday morning to confer on the mayor's veto of the items in the Artl amendment, principally increased pay restoration for policemen and firemen.

The mayor said he had made it plain that he did not intend to force councilmen to vote for all his measures by withdrawing patronage, but that he thought there was something to be said for dropping supporters of councilmen consistently opposed to the administration, "since men are chosen for jobs because they are in sympathy with the policies of the administration."

The mayor's veto of the Artl amendment was received by the Council last night and will be acted on next week. With it was a communication from Council President Joseph A. Arti, who will lead a move to override the veto, replying to the mayor's statement as to his reasons for the veto.

The Council passed the appropriation ordinance with the Artl amendment on April 22. On April 24 about twenty of McCafferty's constituents were fired, he testified.

McCafferty appeared as a witness at the hearing of a complaint  
(Continued on Page 5, Column 4)

## TWO COUNCILMEN BALK; JOBS FADE

Vote With Arti—Firings  
Follow; Mistake, Burton  
Says; All Rehired.

(Continued From First Page)

against the dismissal of James Whalen, superintendent of the Dell Avenue garage of the service department. McCafferty said Whalen was one of his constituents who were dropped.

Service Director Miles E. Evans admitted on examination by Wendell A. Falsgraf, counsel for the Civil Service Employees Association, that he thought Whalen was a temporary employee when he was dropped. Falsgraf showed that Whalen had been a garage superintendent under civil service since 1923. By a vote of 2 to 1 the Civil Service Commission ordered Whalen reinstated. Dan B. Cull and Mrs. Maude McQuate voted for the reinstatement, and Clayborne George voted against it.

#### Ax Fell on One, He Says.

McCafferty said last night that all the men dropped had been returned to their jobs after his protest to Burton. Whalen was the only employee under civil service who felt the edge of the retaliatory ax, the councilman said.

"Some men were laid off shortly following the vote on the appropriation ordinance," Burton said last night. "Unless there were good reasons for such layoffs arising out of bona fide reasons of operating the city's business entirely apart from votes cast on the appropriation ordinance, this was a mistaken policy. Any men laid off without such reasons have been returned to work."

"Councilmen Gunning and McCafferty came to me and protested against their men being fired. I told them that I did not consider recommendations from councilmen who did not give their hearty support to the administration were entitled to consideration."

#### Asks Raises of Low Pays.

"Both councilmen said they were in accord with the administration but that they considered this one point on which there was a difference of opinion. I told them that was all right with me."

The Council touched on the situation surrounding Burton's veto last night when it passed a resolution asking the Board of Control to put into effect immediately pay raises for low-paid employees, for which the Council had provided money in the budget.

"Money was set aside for raises, particularly in the health and welfare department, beginning April 1," said Councilman Hugh J. McFarland, author of the resolution. "I'd like to ask the mayor when the pay raises will go into effect."

Burton said that if his veto were not sustained "that throws the whole financial situation into doubt and it will be necessary for us to consider where the \$422,000 the Council diverted from some departments is to come from."

#### Thinks Board Delay Is Right.

"If the Council overrides your veto you mean that the health and welfare employees won't get their raises?" McFarland asked.

"The welfare department is in a stronger position than some other departments because greater cuts apparently were made there," Burton said. "But it is essential to consider the whole financial structure. I think the Board of Control is right in waiting on final action of the Council before taking action on the raises."

Burton said that if this veto stood the Board of Control would try to give the employees the full amount of money provided by the Council.

Artl said in his statement in answer to the mayor's veto that the city did not need to cut the salaries of policemen and firemen more than 6% per cent, and that the administration still had money enough to "render a better grade of service to"

# **Who Will Succeed Karpis As Number One Gangster?**

Alvin Karpis didn't reign long as the nation's Number One desperado, as the man at the top of the list of criminals sought by the bureau of investigation of the department of justice.

Federal agents, led by J. Edgar Hoover personally, caught him, another wanted man, and a woman companion in New Orleans without a shot being fired.

Karpis had boasted that he would not be taken alive, but the agents caught him between the house he had left and the car at the curb, and he didn't have a gun on him. He surrendered tamely but with discretion.

We don't know how much credit for thus catching him without arms is due to luck or how much is due to brainy planning by the agents. Luck had a good deal to do with it, apparently. But it wasn't luck that enabled the agents to locate him in New Orleans and to arrange his capture.

This is another achievement to the credit of this bureau, which was reorganized only a few years ago and which has done a great deal toward breaking up organized crime, especially kidnaping, and in capturing gang leaders.

In some ways, it is even more effective for such gangsters to be captured alive than for them to be killed, provided capture is followed by swift conviction and the imposition of the maximum punishment. But the main thing is for them, and their imitators, to realize that death or capture and conviction, are the only alternatives. The record of the department for the past two years supports this conviction.

Here's hoping that whoever succeeds Karpis as Number One receives equally short shift.

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## SCIENTIFIC METHODS EFFECTIVE IN RUNNING DOWN GANG LEADERS

Times-Star Special Writer  
Tells of G-Men Methods.

How the G-men go into action when they start rounding up a gang of criminals is told here in the first of a series of four articles by a newspaper man who was privileged to look into the inner workings of the Government's crime laboratory in Washington and study the methods of the Federal agents.

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

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A fingerprint on a beer bottle started the now complete unraveling of the Barker-Karpis gang. Alvin Karpis, perhaps the cleverest, but not the deadliest of the outfit, is caught after three years' systematic night and day sleuthing by the Federal agents—meaning, of course, J. Edgar Hoover's G-men.

St. Paul police, after the Hamm kidnaping, were tipped to a gangsters' hide-out. They passed by a pile of beer bottles in the corner. Hoover's young "book detectives," as some old-line cops have called them, picked up the print. In crime, as in love and war, one thing leads to another. That fingerprint spelled death or jail for the big, murderous key mob of the Northwest. Karpis, known as "Old Creepy," survived long because he never talked. But the fingerprint did. The big robbery and murder syndicate is just a lot of field rats on the run—or else underground or in jail.

### HE SAID "NO"

Spending several months in Washington, I asked J. Edgar Hoover to let me "sit in" as a G-man and learn how his big national fumigating plant worked from the inside. He said "no." He wanted the public to know what they were doing, but he wanted to separate their activities from a lot of fake melodrama, and such journalistic enterprise would only make it worse. However, he would throw the place wide open, let me see records and operations and enlighten me to the limit on just what Uncle Sam's unique Federal Bureau of Investigation had done and was trying to do.

G-men—there are about 600 of them in the field—were in and out of Washington, reporting at regular intervals for special training, or bringing in some new bit of evidence, to be fitted into a widening mosaic which now provides a fairly complete pattern of criminal personnel and organization throughout America.

Hoover's four floors in the huge Department of Justice Building are the assembly and fabrication plant for the raw material of evidence which is garnered in some moldy hidey-hole in the woods, in a sleazy roadside joint, or perhaps a gaudy Miami, New York or Havana honka-tonk. Putting two and two together is the exacting and arduous work of Hoover's 1,100 employees—these in addition to the valiant 600 in the field. Just in passing, Scotland Yard has 12,000 men covering the tiny area of Metropolitan London, with Hoover's 1,700 men not suffering in comparison, on the score of arrests and convictions—especially when you consider that the crooks have all America for a back door getaway.

### BUREAU "WIDE OPEN"

I found the Bureau of Investigation as wide open and hospitable for my morning calls as the village parish house. A white-haired executive, with a desk as clear of litter as a skating rink, is apt to have a bouquet of flowers near-by. From the thirty-nine sub-bureaus, located throughout the country, there is a steady stream of reports and telegrams to the main office. They were drawing the Karpis net a bit tighter, during the days of my visits, and while bureau executives are never garrulous at such times, one began to put down "Old Creepy" Alvin Karpis as a short-end bet.

Anything "hot" in a case like this goes straight to Hoover's office. It is a big, handsomely furnished office, with a stand of flags behind Hoover's desk. Courteous, leisurely and usually aged Negroes process one through to Hoover.

He is 41, black-haired and black-eyed, with no redundancy of person or conversation. His eyes are set away out on the corners of his face, suggesting a wide ambit of vision, which might take in, say, St. Paul and New Orleans in a single look. They are bright, luminous eyes, but they can become as flat and work—no super-sleuthing. Hoover makes that clear. But it works. Karpis is in a stout, politician-proof jail, the latter being particularly important in the bureau's operations.

opaque as a poker chip when a momentary restraint is indicated.

### HOOVER HARD WORKER

Through a long office day, the mentally and physically athletic Hoover works like a trap-drummer—punching one of several octaves of buttons on his desk, summoning one of his avenging gentl, grabbing a telephone like a shortstop fielding a hot grounder, barking a sharp staccato order and then relaxing, swinging around in his swivel chair and starting a heart-to-heart talk which makes you think he wears his heart on his sleeve; which he does, sometimes.

You get what he means. "Machine Gun" Kelly hung the "G-Man" tag on his special agents when they walked into his room in Tennessee. He doesn't particularly like that kind of business, but if it helps inform and interest the public in the nation's war against crime, he is willing to let it ride.

There wasn't any "Woman in Red" in the Dillinger case. That is, Anna Sage didn't have a red dress, and, incidentally, the special agents never promised to help save her from deportation. But Hoover is willing to let the newspaper boys have their melodrama if he can just get it over that the criminal bands of America must and will be caught and put away. That may sound like over-simplification to persons interested in wider implications of modern criminology, but, so far, Hoover has been effective in his vigorously applied techniques of finding, identifying and convicting crooks. That's his main idea.

### KNOWS MINUTE DETAILS

He knows the minute details of personnel and operations of the Barker-Karpis gang the way Toscanini knows the score of "Lohengrin." After the Garrettsville robbery, the teletype, linking the offices of the G-Men, taps off a hunch that Karpis is bound for Florida.

Hoover gives a few court orders and systematically the agents in the field are closing in on every possible hide-out, dogging every known associate of Karpis, covering trains and highways in that section. It is large-scale, efficiently organized police

Hoover says emphatically that crime isn't conquered. But last year, he and his special agents spent \$5,000,000 and recovered for the Government \$38,000,000. The 3,717 convictions obtained totaled 6,788 years. That's an impressive beginning. This writer was privileged to observe something of the working of the anti-crime techniques. That fingerprint on the St. Paul beer bottle makes a good start for the detailed

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**KARPIS' "DISGUISE"—**  
St. Paul police picture of  
Alvin Karpis, showing face  
lifting and glasses  
(Story on page 13.)

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# U. S. DETERMINED TO TRY KARPIS IN HAMM KIDNAPING

Case Is Called 'Air Tight';  
\$400,000 Bail Sought.

(Picture on back page.)  
St. Paul, Minn., May 4.—[Special.]  
—The government is not interested in Alvin Karpis' alleged confession and decision to plead guilty to the kidnappings of Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm Jr., because it has an "air tight" case against him, George E. Sullivan, United States district attorney, said today.  
Sullivan said he would ask \$400,000 bail for Karpis, one of the largest amounts ever demanded in a federal court.

**Quizzing Continued.**  
"We have to try the other defendants in the Hamm case anyway," Sullivan said, "so we don't care whether Karpis pleads guilty or elects to stand trial. Just one more defendant means nothing to us since we are convinced he will be found guilty."

Federal agents continued to question the deposed public enemy No. 1 about the two kidnappings and other crimes with which he has been linked. The desperado has been held shackled and guarded by federal agents in the department of justice's office since he was brought here Saturday by airplane from New Orleans, where he was seized without a shot being fired.

**Ready for Arraignment.**  
Sullivan said he is prepared to arraign the outlaw as soon as the federal agents complete their questioning. When the grilling ends Karpis will be turned over to the

## CAPTURE OF KARPIS PICTURED AS GIANT FEDERAL RAID BY AIR

The capture of Alvin Karpis at New Orleans last Friday was disclosed by airline sources yesterday as a record air raid by the United States justice department.

They said that the net which trapped the gunman was drawn by plane from New York. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation, chartered his "flying patrol wagon" at New York airport on Thursday.

Speed was essential. At New Orleans the big plane was kept under cover at the airport.

Not until the gangster was sped to the New Orleans flying field for his trip to St. Paul was there any hint of an air chase.

The "flying patrol wagon" cost at most \$3,000. The airline distance from New York to New Orleans to St. Paul to Chicago to New York—the route Hoover and his aids traveled—is 3,600 miles.

United States marshal's office to be transferred to the Ramsey county jail. Sullivan said that so many charges, including murder, face Karpis that he will ask \$100,000 bail on each of the four indictments against him.

Clinton W. Stein, head of the department of justice office here, refused to comment on reports that Karpis has confessed and indicated willingness to plead guilty to one of the kidnapping charges.

Stein said the decision as to whether to turn Karpis over to Missouri officials for the killing of Sheriff C. R. Kelly at West Plains is up to the United States attorney general or the federal bureau of investigation in Washington. Karpis is under indictment for the slaying in Missouri, where capital punishment is legal.

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**PIQUETT LOSES AGAIN; AWAITS PRISON —**  
Attorney Louis Piquett (hat in hand), who is facing prison term for harboring gangster, with Prosecutor Harry C. Haughton and Chief Deputy Marshal Joseph Tobin (right) as he went to cell. (TRIBUNE Photo.) (Story on page 13)

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# PIQUETT IS JAILED; AWAITS TRIP FRIDAY TO FEDERAL PRISON

(Picture on back page.)

Attorney Louis P. Piquett lost two attempts in federal courts yesterday to win a 30 day stay of his sentence of two years in the penitentiary for conspiracy to harbor the slain Dillinger gangster, Homer Van Meter.

With his attorney, Hubbard C. Mullins, Piquett first appeared before Federal Judge Phillip L. Sullivan, in whose courtroom a jury last June found him guilty of the harboring charge. After hearing the motion for a stay Judge Sullivan ruled he had no jurisdiction as Piquett had appealed his conviction to the Circuit Court of Appeals, and from there to the United States Supreme court, where he finally lost last week.

Without comment, Judge Sullivan refused to extend Piquett's freedom. As the lawyer left the courtroom, he was taken into custody and locked in the county jail, where he will stay until he is started for Leavenworth prison on Friday.

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## Before and After Lifting



Karpis as he was.  
[Chicago police photo.]

Alvin Karpis today.  
[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

ST. PAUL, MINN.—Plastic surgery proved a vain hope for the deposed Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis, shown as he appeared in police records and also in a photograph taken by federal agents after his arrest in New Orleans. "A very poor job of face lifting," was the dictum of G-men, who recognized him without difficulty.

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# Dentist in Maywood Says Lake Erie Body Not Missing Gang Aid

Two small scars beneath the ears of Alvin Karpis, recently captured Public Enemy No. 1, were believed today to hold the key to a score of gangland's deepest mysteries.

The two scars . . . if they could talk . . . or if Karpis would talk . . . would probably cast light on the ultimate fate of a shadowy Chicago figure, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, physician extraordinary to Chicago gangsters.

It was the missing Dr. Moran, who was reputed to have made those scars in lifting the Karpis face.

## MADE A MISTAKE

"Doc" Moran, the popular small town boy from Spring Valley, Ill., who made a mistake. The young man who was sent to Joliet penitentiary from La Salle County in 1928 for performing an illegal operation—

The young surgeon who posed as a dentist and, in a Northwest Side office, gang gossip has it, retouched the faces and healed the wounds of the late John Hamilton, Fred and Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell, and dozens of others high in the public enemy list—

The physician who fled from his office at 4861 Irving Park blvd. the day the late John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin was arrested with Bremer kidnap money—and hasn't been seen since—

"Doc" Moran, the man said by some to have been thrown to the bottom of Lake Erie by gangsters near Toledo in 1935 because he had a weakness for drink—and talk.

## BELIEVE HIM ALIVE

But there are those who knew "Doc" Moran well and who believe he is still alive today.

One is Dr. Hal C. Billing, prominent dentist with offices at 805 Main st., Maywood, where "Doc" Moran also had an office once and who told The Chicago American:

"There is no doubt in my mind that the body found in

Lake Erie was not the body of "Doc" Moran.

"While 'Doc' Moran was in my office building I did much work on his teeth.

"I examined the teeth from the body taken from the lake. The 'G' men brought them to me.

"None of the crowns were my work.

"And the teeth were those of a much older man than 'Doc' Moran."

In 1932, when "Doc" Moran came to the office at 505 Main st., when he first crossed Dr. Billing's path, he already had strayed from the ways of his early promise.

## SERVED IN A. E. F.

Born in 1895 in Spring Valley, one of a large family of a respected coal man, "Doc" Moran was known in his youth as an affable, personable, even a brilliant boy.

He went overseas when the war came along. When he returned he boasted of his exploits as a soldier when, even then, he indulged a habit that late was to involve him in serious difficulties, drink.

But he did more than boast. He had ambition. He wanted to be a doctor like those he had seen work under fire. And he entered Tufts Medical College in Boston, where, records show, he was an honor student. Then, married to a socially prominent Boston girl, he went to La Salle to practice.

It was at La Salle that he made the first of a long series

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# JOLIET PRISON LINKED MORAN TO CRIME

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of missteps. He performed the illegal operation that resulted in a young woman's death and his own commitment to Joliet for a one-to-ten-year term.

He was paroled on April 7, 1930, to return for a ten-month period in 1931 and be paroled again.

## OPERATED AT PRISON

When he was at Joliet he was regarded as an efficient physician and is said to have performed many operations on prisoners and officials.

At Joliet "Doc" began a fast friendship with Ollie Berg, notorious diamond thief said to have linked him permanently to the underworld. The friendship began through an operation he performed on Berg.

Berg later was brought to St. Paul to testify at the trial which put "Boss" McLaughlin behind the bars.

Such was the history of "Doc" Moran, long since deserted by his cultured wife, when he opened offices in the same building with Dr. Billig.

## PATIENTS UNSAVORY

The headquarters of the General Teamsters' Union, Local No. 882, which was headed by Tim Lynch, was also in that building. In the days that preceded Lynch's gang death at the hands

of racketeers who sought unsuccessfully to gain control of the union, Dr. Billig told The Chicago American "Doc" Moran's office was filled with patients of highly unsavory appearance.

It was during this period that "Doc," in his cups, would toss out casual tales of his accomplishments to Dr. Billig.

He never mentioned names, but he hinted he was far more than a dentist. That he was, among other things, an expert facial surgeon. He would say:

"Why, I could take off your nose and put it behind your ear!"

He said other things to Dr. Billig. Shortly after Tim Lynch fell before sawed-off shotgun fire as he was taking his car from the garage at his Maywood home, "Doc" remarked:

"If I were you, I'd stay in your office, Dr. Billig. You may hear some shooting. I don't want you to get hurt."

In May, 1933, "Doc" Moran moved to the offices at 4861 Irving Park blvd. And there the customers rolled in in droves. But, observers said, the customers had a bleary-eyed appearance not uncommon among jailbirds.

## TALKS OF RICHES.

After he took up the Irving Park blvd. offices, "Doc" Moran dropped another remark to Dr. Billig:

"If you'd come with me, I'd make you a rich man in six months. I have so many patients I can't handle them all."

## AID NOW IN JAIL

While he was there, many of the details of "Doc's" business were handled by young Jimmy Wilson, a likeable chap in his twenties who posed as "Doc's" secretary and who is now doing a five-year stretch in a federal prison at Chillicothe, Ohio, for his

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illegal activities in connection with the Bremer snatch.

The parade continued. And "Doc's" moments of drunken boasting became more frequent. Even Dillinger is reputed to have had dealings with the supposed dentist.

Then came a day in April, 1934, when John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, colorful politician-gangster who since has died in the penitentiary, was arrested for "fencing" some of the Bremer ransom.

"Boss" had been a frequent vis-

itor at "Doc's" office.

And the very day that "Boss" was arrested, "Doc" and young Jimmy Wilson faded from Irving Park blvd.

Young Jimmy later was taken into custody at Spring Valley. He is said to have showed "G"-men the hideout at Bensonville, Ill., where Bremer was held during ransom negotiations.

At the Bremer trial "Boss" testified in his own behalf that he had had a \$5,000 negotiation with "Doc."

And then a body was found in.

Lake Erie.

The government said:

"It's the body of 'Doc' Moran. He was shot. He got drunk and talked too much."

But others, like Dr. Billig, insist:

"'Doc' was smart. He knew lots of hideaways. At least that wasn't his body they fished out of the cold waters at Toledo."

"G" men say Karpis can—if he will—tell the whole story of Bremer's snatching.

Maybe he'll spill the beans about "Doc" Moran.

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## WHEN 'DOC' MORAN AIDED THE LAW



Dr. Joseph P. Moran (right), the shadowy Chicago physician who vanished and, according to the government, was drowned in Lake Erie by gangsters last year, is pictured aiding Dr. F. J. Chemelik in the surgery at Joliet penitentiary after the sanguinary riot there in March, 1931. Dr. Moran was in Joliet serving a

term for performing an illegal operation. He gave aid in the emergency. Dr. Moran is reputed to have altered the shape of the ears of erstwhile Public Enemy No. 1 Karpis. Doubt that the body found in Lake Erie was that of Moran is cast by a dentist who worked on Moran. (Chicago American-International News photo.)

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## KARPIS WOMAN FRIEND FREED

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover said today that red-haired Ruth Robinson, seized by federal agents with Alvin Karpis in New Orleans Friday night, has been released.

He said no charges will be placed against her.

Fred Hunter, arrested at the same time, is being held to face charges of harboring Karpis and also in connection with a mail-train robbery at Garrettsville, O., in which Karpis is also charged with participating.

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# Karpis' Confession May Cause Political Blow Off In St. Paul

Former, Present Officials  
'Right Up Near Top'  
May Be Named  
As His Aides

Federal Men Continue  
Questioning Desperado

Tie-In of Police, Gangland  
Expected to Be Shown  
If Bandit Talks

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 4—(US)—One of the greatest political explosions in all St. Paul's history is about to be touched off in the wake of Alvin Karpis' confession to \$300,000 worth of kidnappings, it was learned authoritatively today.

Former and present police and city officials "right up near the top" will be implicated if the federal men who are grilling the erstwhile No. 1 outlaw can make him name those who aided him in his spectacular crime career.

This information came from a widely known St. Paul figure, for many years closely acquainted with the gang chieftains who made this city the rendezvous of so many outlaws that Attorney General Cummings once called it America's crime capital.

## Continue Questioning

He voiced the opinion that there should be "obvious conclusions from the fact that these fellows were never picked up until the federal men did it."

It is because of these politico-criminal alliances that the federal agents under Chief Clinton Stein of

**Hoover Voted Raise**  
WASHINGTON, May 4.—(AP)—A thousand dollar pay raise for J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, was voted today by the house and handed to the senate for concurrence.

The increase from \$9,000 to \$10,000 a year for Hoover was recommended by Attorney General Cummings.

the St. Paul division are continuing their interrogation of Karpis so relentlessly. This was the third day that they had questioned him almost constantly, with occasional interruption to permit him to rest.

Their success was yesterday when Karpis confessed to the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, millionaire St. Paul banker, and the \$100,000 abduction of William Hamm, jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer.

## Remains True to Code

As far as the agents would admit today, however, he still was refusing to name any of his accomplices, remaining true to gangland's so-called honor code despite his loss of much of his previous belligerence.

For the first time, the informant of Universal Service revealed how police got the tip that led to the death of Homer Van Meter, "brains" of the Dillinger gang. He related:

"Van Meter had \$5,000 coming from one man here and \$4,000 from another.

"He ran short of money and slipped back into St. Paul to collect. He contacted one of these fellows and made an appointment to get the money. This chap made a deal with a policeman to 'finger' Van Meter. Then, when Van Meter kept the appointment, officers were waiting, and shot him down."

## "Would Rock Town"

Of the impending political exposure, he elaborated:

"Everybody knows certain police were helping the Dillinger gang and the Karpis-Barker mob hide out in St. Paul, and were getting plenty of money for it.

"The police not only helped them arrange the hideouts, but helped them get set up in spots where they could make money on gambling and vice.

"If the federal men ever get the true story it will rock this town like it never was rocked before."

The federal investigators were not the only ones who were spending all their time trying to clear

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## Karpis' Confession May Cause Blow Off

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up Karpis' crimes. Prosecuting attorneys of Ramsey county (St. Paul), Hennepin county (Minneapolis), and Dakota county (South St. Paul), were trying to link him with \$55,000 worth of holdups that cost the lives of three policemen and an innocent motorist.

One of these was the \$25,000 robbery of the Third Northwestern National bank in Minneapolis on December 16, 1932, in which Police-men Ira L. Evans and Leo Gorsky, and Oscar Erickson, a passing civilian, were fatally shot.

The other was the \$30,000 holdup of two South St. Paul bank messengers on August 30, 1933. Policeman Leo Pavlick, who tried to capture the bandits, was slain.

Charles ("The Greeter") Fitzgerald, who was arrested two weeks ago in Los Angeles and indicted with Karpis in the Hamm kidnaping, is suspected of having been a participant in this latter crime.

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## District Committees Of Junior Bar Are Selected by Bennett

Appointment of committees in each of the congressional districts including a vice chairman, was announced yesterday by Herman L. Bennett, recently named West Virginia state chairman of the membership committee of the junior bar conference of the American Bar association.

The junior conference, which has eligibility requirements of being 35 years old or under and membership in the American Bar association, was created for the purpose of arousing the interest of young members of the profession in the association work.

The list of Bennett's appointments according to districts follows:

First district—Lee Spillers, of Wheeling, vice chairman; William P. Lehman, of Fairmont, and C. B. Galbraith, of Wheeling.

Second district—C. S. Kump, of Elkins, vice chairman; Robert Dorally, of Morgantown, and Grover D. Mohler, of Martinsburg.

Third district—Haymond Maxwell, jr., of Clarksburg, vice chairman; H. E. Dillon, jr., of Fayetteville, and Charles N. Bland, of Weston.

Fourth district—Taylor Vinson, of Huntington, vice chairman; James B. Randolph, of Parkersburg, and Clair Smith, of Spencer.

Fifth district—Albert S. Kemper, of Bluefield, vice chairman; Thomas G. Berry, jr., of Welch, and Gaujot Bias, of Williamson.

Sixth district—W. A. Thornhill, of Beckley, vice chairman; James A. McWhorter, of Charleston, and E. Paul Holland, of Logan.

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### The Ransom Money

There has never been much doubt in our mind that Hauptmann was the kidnaper of the Lindbergh child. That he was alone in the crime has been a matter somewhat less certain. But now there is evidence that Hauptmann and only Hauptmann was the recipient of the Lindbergh ransom, totaling \$50,000. It is the result of a tabulation of his financial standing from spring in 1932 until his arrest in September, 1934, as prepared by Hugh McQuillan, chief of the intelligence unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

This tabulation reveals that from April 2, 1932, to Sept. 19, 1934, Hauptmann's expenditures and losses in the stock market were \$15,530. He himself told where the money went, and his statements were checked by an agent of the revenue bureau. On the day of his arrest he had assets amounting to \$40,529, including mortgages, stock account balances, cash in banks, investments in furs, and the \$14,000 of the ransom money concealed in his garage. Expenditures and assets combined totaled \$56,059. Before the payment of the ransom, he had assets of \$4,941, and from the time of payment until his arrest he and his wife had known earnings of \$1,167. There is left unaccounted for and presumed to be ransom money \$49,950.

It is on this showing, accounting for all the ransom money, that Mr. McQuillan contends that Hauptmann had no partner in the crime. That was the claim of the state. The figures go far to bear it out. They will do much to convince many persons that they were in error when they concluded that there must have been an accomplice. But the figures do not entirely preclude that possibility. A criminal as cold-blooded as Hauptmann would be capable of seizing all the proceeds of the crime for himself. It would not be the first time that such a thing had happened in the underworld. Nevertheless, the present report is a blow to the theory that more than the one person was concerned in the kidnaping and murder of the Lindbergh baby.

### Karpis Being Led to Justice by J. Edgar Hoover



Loser in a two-year game of hound and hare with G-men, and facing the prospect of life imprisonment, Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 public enemy, is pictured in handcuffs, straw hat and shirtsleeves as he was escorted into the St. Paul federal building on the heels of the man he had threatened with death—J. Edgar Hoover, foreground, head of the federal bureau of investigation, who personally engineered the capture in New Orleans. Charged with the Hamm kidnaping, Karpis also was wanted for trial for the slaying of a sheriff, complicity in three other killings, 15 bank robberies, a train robbery and a string of holdups in the last three years.

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# THE ONE THEY NEVER CATCH

With Alvin Karpis out of the way, or at least on the way, J. Edgar Hoover, head of the government's man-hunters, says that Public Enemy No. 1 is now the sort of politics that hampers justice.

Something more than the end of the big shot roundup may be discerned in this statement. Having removed major immediate menaces the Department of Justice now turns its attention to that force on which Mr. Hoover has dwelt at length in previous public utterances.

Being quite frank about it, there is never but one reason why politics interferes with the operations of the law against the criminal. It is the financial reason. The criminal either pays in the dollars and cents of tribute for something which should never be purchasable—protection—or else he buys it indirectly through scratching some political back at election time. In some cases well-organized crime may set up its own political outfit and deal from the top down instead of working from the bottom up. That is the sort of condition we had in the prohibition period when the immunity of crime was much greater than is now the case because the profits of the liquor trade were such as to make for better tribute or organization and consequently better political protection.

There is an answer to the problem propounded by Mr. Hoover, and curiously enough it is a political answer. It lies in the hands of the people who either permit or defeat such practices.

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# MUTILATED FINGER PRINTS OF ALVIN KARPIS

## Acid Failed to Keep G-Men Awake



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OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH from the Department of Justice of the fingers of Alvin Karpis, which the Public Enemy No. 1 mutilated with acid in order to eliminate the telltale curves and whorls on the tips. In spite of this pre-

caution, the bad man was caught without a struggle outside an apartment house in New Orleans, where he lived. He was whisked by airplane to St. Paul, Minn., where he confessed his part in two kidnappings. International News

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# POLICE HEADS CITED FOR AID TO KARPIS

Arrest of high police officials in two Middle Western cities in a sensational aftermath of the capture of Public Enemy Alvin Karpis is scheduled in the next few days, the Washington Herald has learned.

Karpis was seized in New Orleans last week by John Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and a squad of agents.

Since his arrest and return to St. Paul, Minn., where he is wanted in two kidnappings and several other major crimes, Karpis has made voluminous confessions, involving high law officers.

## Sheltered by Two

At least two men, it has been learned, are known to have sheltered Karpis and taken money from him when the gangster was being hunted over the nation as a murderer and kidnaper.

Following the same technique that has sent more than 20 persons to jail for harboring members of the John Dillinger mob, the G-men have begun a drive to round up every person who gave Karpis any aid, it is declared.

Fred Hunter, alleged mail robber captured with Karpis, already is charged with harboring the gang leader.

This charge will keep Hunter under jurisdiction of the Department of Justice until he completes making statements that he began immediately after his arrest.

The Department of Justice, it is reported, has had to combat efforts of other governmental agencies seeking to get Hunter out of the hands of the G-men.

## Interference Charged

While Karpis was being pursued through the Middle West, it was learned, G-men were hampered by postal inspectors who, apparently jealous of Department of Justice success in pursuing gangsters, made repeated efforts to "muscle in" and seize Karpis first.

One man, it is alleged, made a public disclosure of a "plant" on a Karpis hideout in a Midwestern resort town when he found that the G-men were about to make an arrest, with the result that the gangster escaped.

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# REWARD FOR CAMPBELL

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 6 (P).—Gov. E. W. Marland yesterday authorized a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to arrest and conviction of Harry Campbell, alleged companion of Alvin Karpis.

Karpis recently was captured at New Orleans. Col. C. W. Daley, Oklahoma Crime Bureau superintendent, said Campbell was charged with many of the crimes with which Karpis was charged and that Oklahoma operatives had been watching Eastern Oklahoma and especially Tulsa, Campbell's home.

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## G-Men Trail Gangsters on Clue From Midwestern Hide-out.

How the G-men go into action when they start rounding up a gang of criminals is told here in the first of a series of four articles by a newspaper man who was privileged to look into the inner workings of the Government's crime laboratory in Washington and study the methods of the Federal sleuths.

BY LEMUEL F. MORTON.

**BY LEMUEL F. HARTON.**  
A fingerprint on a beer bottle started the new complete unraveling of the Barker-Karpis gang. Alvin Karpis, perhaps the cleverest, but not the deadliest of the outfit is caught, after three year's systematic night and day sleuthing by the Federals—meaning, of course, J. Edgar Hoover's G-Men.

G-Men. St. Paul police, after the Hamm kidnapping were tipped to "gangsters" hide-out. They passed a pile of beer bottles in the corner. Mr. Hoover's young "book detectives," as some old line cops have called them, picked up the print. In crime, as in love and war, one thing leads to another. That fingerprint spelled death or jail for the big, murderous key mob of the Northwest. Karpis, known as "old creepy," survived long because he never talked. But the fingerprint did. The big robbery and murder syndicate is just a lot of field rats on the run—or else underground or in jail.

Spending several months in Washington, I asked J. Edgar Hoover to let me "sit in" as a G-Man and learn how his big national fumigating plant worked from the inside. He said "no." He wanted the public to know what they were doing, but he wanted to separate their activities from a lot of fake melodrama, and such journalistic enterprise would only make it worse. However, he would throw the place wide open, let me see records and operations and enlighten me to the limit or just what Uncle Sam's unique Federal Bureau of Investigation had done and was trying to do.

### 600 G-Men in Field.

600 G-Men in field.  
G-Men—there are about 600 of them in the field—were in and out of Washington, reporting at regular intervals for special training, or bringing in some new bit of evidence, to be fitted into a widening mosaic which now provides a fairly complete pattern of criminal personnel and organization throughout America.

the Department of Justice Building are the assembly and fabrication plant for the raw material of evidence which is garnered in some moldy hidey-hole in the woods, in a sleazy roadside joint, or perhaps a gaudy Miami, New York or Havana honk-tonk. Putting two and two together is the exacting and arduous work of Mr. Hoover's 1,100 employees—these in addition to the valiant 600 in the field. Just in passing, Scotland Yard has 12,000 men covering the tiry area of metropolitan London, with Mr. Hoover's 1,700 men not suffering in comparison on the score of arrests and convictions—especially when you consider that the crooks have all of America for a back door getaway.

I found the Bureau of Investigation as wide open and hospitable for my morning calls as the village parish house. A white-haired executive, with a desk as clear of clutter as a skating rink, is apt to have a bouquet of flowers near by. From the 39 sub-

bureaus, located throughout the country, there is a steady stream of reports and telegrams to the main office. They were drawing the Karpls net a bit tighter, during the days of my visits, and while bureau executives are never garrulous at such times, one began to put down "Old Creepy" Alvin Karpls as a short-end bet.

## Hot Tips Headquarters.

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Anything "hot" in a case like this goes straight to Mr. Hoover's office. It is a big, handsomely furnished office with a stand of flags behind Mr. Hoover's desk. Courteous leisurely and usually aged Negroes process one through to Mr. Hoover.

He is 41, black-haired and black-eyed, with no redundancy of person or conversation. His eyes are set away out on the corners of his face, suggesting a wide ambit of vision, which might take in, say, St. Paul and New Orleans in a single look. They are bright, luminous eyes, but they can become as flat and opaque as a poker chip when a momentary restraint is indicated.

Through a long office day, the mentally and physically athletic Mr. Hoover works like a trap-drummer—punching one of several octaves of buttons on his desk, summoning one of his avenging genii, grabbing a telephone like a shortstop fielding a hot grounder, barking a sharp staccato order and then relaxing, swinging around in his swivel chair and starting a heart-to-heart talk which makes you think he wears his heart on his sleeve; which he does, sometimes.

You get what he means. Machine Gun Kelly hung the "G-Man" tag on his special agents when they walked into his room in Tennessee. He doesn't particularly like that kind

of business, but if it helps inform and interest the public in the Nation's war against crime, he is willing to let it ride.

There wasn't any "woman in red" in the Dillinger case. That is, Anna Sage didn't have a red dress and, incidentally, the special agents never promised to help save her from deportation. But Mr. Hoover is willing to let the newspaper boys have their melodrama if he can just get it over that the criminal bands of America must and will be caught and put away. That may sound like oversimplification to persons interested in wider implications of modern criminology, but so far Mr. Hoover has been effective in his vigorously applied techniques of finding, identifying and convicting crooks. That's his main idea.

### No Waste of Time.

He knows the minute details of personnel and operations of the Barker-Karpis gang the way Toscanini knows the score of "Lohengrin." After the Garrettsville robbery teletypes linking

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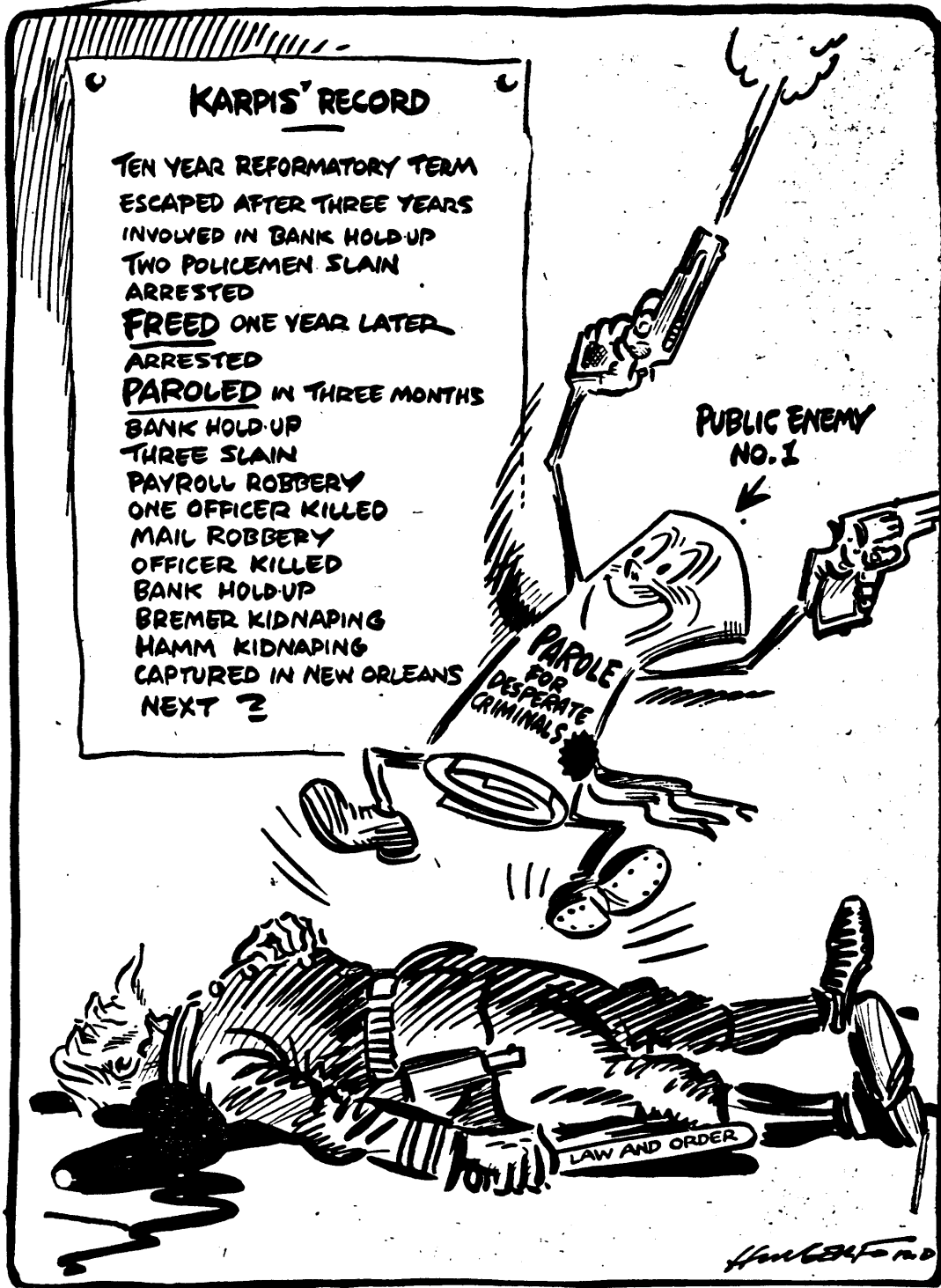
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St. Paul Dispatch  
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### Mahan Kidnap Suspect Proves To Be Rancher

Butte, Mont., May 6.—(P)—Sheriff Larry Weir said today the "William Mahan" suspect he has been chasing was only a rancher who fled when officers saw him because his automobile license plates were a year old.

The Weyerhaeuser kidnaping fugitive has been hunted here, recently, after airport employees reported a man they believed was Mahan tried to charter a plane for Spokane and then drove hastily away from the airport.

Weir said he saw a car Tuesday with a rifle in it and out-of-state license plates that answered the description of the car the airport visitor drove.

"I halted the car and found in it a scared Basin creek rancher," the sheriff said, "who told me he visited the airport often because he liked to watch planes, and carried the rifle to shoot gophers.

"He said he drove away whenever he saw an officer because his license plates were a year old and he feared arrest."

The sheriff withheld the rancher's name.

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## G-MEN FREE KARPIS' RED-HEADED CONSORT

Rumor Says She Talked Freely as  
Price of Liberty

By The United Press

NEW ORLEANS, May 6—Her head hidden in a typewriter cover, the young red-haired woman captured with the outlaw Alvin Karpis by Department of Justice agents here Friday was spirited away from the postoffice building today. She had been held prisoner there, along with Fred Hunter, alleged Ohio train robber, since they were arrested at the apartment where Karpis was living.

Hunter was still a prisoner in the F. B. I. office of the Federal Building today. He is shackled hand and foot. The clerk of the Federal Court was said to be preparing documents authorizing his removal to Cleveland, O. He is wanted for a \$34,000 mail robbery at Garrettsville, O.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced in Washington that the woman, never definitely identified, had been released and no charges would be filed against her. Local agents would not reveal where they took her. It was rumored here that she had talked freely as the price for her freedom.

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## **BAIL OF \$200,000 FOR KARPIS PAL**

### **Fred Hunter Won't Fight Extradition to Ohio.**

NEW ORLEANS, May 6 (A. P.). —Fred Hunter, associate of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1 who was captured in a raid on his New Orleans apartment last Friday by Federal agents, was arraigned today before United States Commissioner Reginald Carter Jr., on a charge of harboring Karpis and was held under bond of \$200,000. After his arraignment Hunter was placed in custody of Philip Alvarez, United States Marshal. He waived extradition and it was understood he was to be taken to Ohio in charge of a postal inspector from Cincinnati to answer to a charge of mail robbery of Garrettsville.

Hunter appeared before the commissioner with leg chains and was extremely nervous from his five days of questioning in the office of David W. Magee, agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here.

The prisoner used a handkerchief to hide his face during most of the hearing.

Hunter was arrested with a young woman, Ruth Robinson, at the Karpis apartment late Friday by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the bureau and about a score of his agents.

The Robinson woman, a mysterious character in the case, was spirited away from the Federal officer here by Magee and his operatives yesterday and was released without charge.

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# KARPIS MUG "LIFTED" BY LOST DOC

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Two puckered scars under the ears of Alvin Karpis, described by Federal officials as the most sinister figure in modern criminal history, engaged the attention of questioners in the detention prison here.

The scars were made in a face lifting operation performed by Dr. Joseph P. Moran, renegade society surgeon, who performed similar operations on more than a score underworld celebrities and then vanished mysteriously late in 1934.

According to information in Federal hands, Moran was sealed up in a barrel of cement and dropped into Lake Erie near Toledo. He was removed, officials say, because he talked too much when drinking.

Moran hailed from Spring Valley, Ill. He married a Boston society girl, graduated from Tufts Medical School in Boston and began practicing at La Salle, Ill. He was arrested and sent to Joliet Prison for performing an illegal operation. After his release he became the accredited surgeon of the underworld.

The highest bail ever set in a Federal Court, \$500,000, will keep Karpis behind prison bars until his trial. No trial date has been set because G-men have been questioning the dapper bandit almost continuously since his arrest.

U. S. District Attorney Sullivan, referring to the William Hamm, Jr., and Edward G. Bremer ransom abduction which netted the Karpis-Barker mob \$300,000, said:

"It really doesn't make any difference what Karpis may do in court because we have an airtight case against him. Karpis knows he will be found guilty. He can't wriggle out of the spot he's in."

WASHINGTON (US). — Ruth Robinson, Alvin Karpis' girl friend, who was captured by Federal agents at New Orleans last week, together with Karpis, and Fred Hunter, Tuesday, was ordered released by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Hunter was ordered held in connection with charges of harboring Karpis and a mail robbery in Garrettsville, Ohio.

The Robinson woman, and Hunter, were with Karpis when Hoover and a squad of "G-men" apprehended the Public Enemy No. 1 outside a New Orleans apartment.

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### Good Work By G-Men

The arrest by the agents of the Department of Justice of Alvin Karpis, current Public Enemy No. 1, is another proud entry in the annals of the G-Men. The nation appreciates their good work and hopes it will continue, notwithstanding the criticism of a few members of Congress who demanded a reduction in the amount of money spent on this type of law enforcement. Some of the critics contended the G-Men were "running wild" over the country and had turned the public streets into shooting galleries, ending the lives of law-abiding citizens.

The capture of Karpis was effected without the firing of a shot. He made no attempt to fight with officers armed to have an equal chance with him. The arrest cleans up the original Karpis gang, seven of whom are dead and the rest in prison. The groups of desperadoes and racketeers who preyed on the public and established in many sections a real reign of terror, have been gradually but surely thinned down, mostly by the work of the federal agents.

The arrest of the elusive Karpis should emphasize to other criminals the fact that they must, sooner or later, be brought to book, especially if they run afoul of laws which will set the G-Men on their trail.

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# Crime Does Not Pay--Neither Does Capitalism

The capture of Alvin Karpis, so-called public enemy number one, again shows that crime does not pay. Gangsters die young, or are retired from circulation. For a while they live hectic lives, dodging around from place to place, always in fear of the officers who finally get them. No doubt, in a sort of a way, they enjoy their notoriety, but it is a low sort of enjoyment, and it soon ends.

The newspapers and other avenues of publicity increase crime by dramatizing the gangsters.

Small boys play gangster. They play gangster rather than officer. And the newspapers are mainly to blame. If a small boy is led to play gangster rather than officer, he would prefer to become a criminal rather than a law-abiding citizen, would he not? This is one of the penalties we pay for freedom of the press. Capitalist papers are unpatriotic. They are interested in sensational news and sensational sales of papers, not in making good citizens out of youth. They have no conscience at all. If parents were well endowed with conscience and good sense, they would keep capitalist papers out of the home so that the children would not be damaged by them.

The capitalist system supported by the capitalist press, is, however, the main cause of crime.

The industrial conditions created by it are so desperately bad that it is hard to make an honest living; hence many men are driven into crime. Also, the system is fundamentally dishonest, since it promotes the taking of the earnings of the many by the few, and it throws out the incentive to legal dishonesty in the transactions of men with men—which leads to illegal dishonesty; that is, crime. Most criminals may not have brains enough to reason with, but their subconscious reaction probably is that if legal stealing is all right, then illegal stealing must be all right too. There is much to be said for that theory; but the truth is that neither legal nor illegal stealing is all right—and, to get rid of both, the capitalist system must be abolished.

In the meanwhile, young men and others who contemplate going in for criminal activity may well take a look at the record. They will discover—if they have enough gray matter in their noodles to see it—that crime most emphatically does not pay. Capitalism does not pay—either.

For that and for many other reasons, the first duty of good and intelligent citizens is to join up with, and take an active part in, the effort to replace the capitalist system with a better one.

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The reasons for the parole are not available, but it may safely be presumed that all of the symptoms were present. A shrewd and seasoned criminal, Karpis was not slow to make himself a "model prisoner," and to be sure that he gave prison officials "no trouble." Being a mild-mannered young crook, he no doubt impressed prison and parole officials with his pleasing behavior, and enlisted some sympathy.

Of course, all this mockery disappeared the minute Karpis was paroled. He proceeded to make his parole profitable. He celebrated by brutally murdering a Missouri sheriff, and showed his absolute contempt for law and life during the next four and a half years by a series of robberies and kidnappings which netted him and his gang around \$500,000 and resulted in the murder of five, including four policemen. Untold thousands of dollars have been spent by federal, county and city law enforcement agencies in his capture, all of which is charged to the taxpayer and goes to make up the astounding total that the war on crime is costing the people of this country.

How long, the public is forced to ask, will we be compelled to put up with this kind of parole system? There is a place for an intelligently administered system which aims at saving the young and the unfortunate, but wanton killers and robbers are not in this class. If Karpis had been required to serve the four years that the law of Oklahoma first demanded of him, his murderous career would have been postponed at least, and probably suppressed. Snakes in cages seldom bite.

Experts who parade under the name of psychoanalysts may be able to explain to their own satisfaction the criminal tendencies which put Karpis at the top of the infamous list of murders and robberies, but an explanation of how it was possible for him to translate those tendencies into criminal action is to be found in the parole system as it now operates.

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**Cleansing St. Paul**

**S**T. PAUL, Minnesota, may be cleansed of partnerships between crime and public officials, according to statements emanating from that city as to revelations that have been made through confessions of members of the Karpis gang.

One report is that the confessions connect an official "way near the top" of the St. Paul municipal government as having been, at least, a passive confederate of gangsters through furnishing them protection from prosecution.

Another step will have been taken toward better municipal government if St. Paul is rid of the official connections, federal officials have claimed, gangsters enjoyed in that city.

Homer S. Cummings, attorney general of the United States, not so long ago denominated St. Paul as crime's capital because of the alleged protection municipal officials gave to gangsters in that city.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, recently declared politics to be public enemy No. 1 as to present criminal conditions in the United States.

If the department of justice men succeed in establishing alliances between public officials in St. Paul and gangsters through their arrest of the Karpis gangsters, the accomplishment will be of far more value to the country than the mere prosecution of the outlaws for the crimes with which they are charged.

A housecleaning in St. Paul will be a warning to public officials in other cities that alliances with gangsters are dangerous and will be the beginning of the end of protection being afforded criminals by police officials in any city in the United States.

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# HUNT STARTED FOR KARPIS' HIDDEN LOOT

Cache Estimated at \$500,000 Causes Nationwide Search; Outlaw's Shielders Sought

By Stanley Carroll

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WASHINGTON, May 5.—Returning to the capital tonight from his spectacular capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, launched a nationwide hunt for the former bandit's hidden fortune.

This comprises the vast bulk of Karpis' "take" from the 13 to 15 bank robberies, three train robberies and three kidnappings to which the one-time king had man of the underworld already has confessed.

## CAREFULLY HIDDEN

That he has carefully hidden his cache, Karpis bluntly admitted to Director Hoover, aides of the G-men's chief admitted tonight. It came shortly after the gunman's capture. He was discussing Dolores Delaney, pretty St. Paul girl who met the desperado through Kate "Ma" Barker, lived with him and bore him a child. She is serving a prison term for shielding him from the law.

Karpis told Hoover:

"You got me, but Dolores and the baby will be all right. I've made arrangements so that neither of them will have to worry about money when she gets out."

It was the first statement Karpis made which reflected the tender sentiment he holds for the girl who shared some of his escapades and the youngster who came into their lives.

Though the amount Karpis was able to set aside is little more than guesswork, it is estimated at close to \$500,000.

Learned in statements that have been ordered by Hoover to identify the persons who harbored Karpis as he skillfully outstepped his Federal pursuers. This phase of the case is expected to involve some police officers in cities in which the gangster spent considerable time. New Orleans police, however, are not involved.

Throughout his long questioning following his arrest, and later at St. Paul, the gunman gave little evidence of the boastful note he struck from time to time when he was successfully evading capture. He discussed his long list of crimes with a little emotion as a boy reciting from a diary, but carefully withheld any references to people who had befriended him or any admissions of murder.

## PHYSICIAN ABDUCTED

In addition to the kidnappings of William G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, which netted the notorious Barker-Karpis gang \$300,000, he admitted the abduction of a Pennsylvania physician, whom he took into Ohio to treat his wounds after shooting his way through a cordon of police at Atlantic City.

The pitiable attempt to change his features, to avoid detection, was described in detail by the bank robber. The operation was performed by Dr. Joseph P. Moran, an underworld character who performed similar services for Fred and Arthur Barker. Karpis submitted to the knife without benefit of anesthetic, and the result is described as a clumsy piece of surgery.

It was shortly after the Karpis "operation" that Moran is believed to have been slain and thrown into Lake Erie, because he had learned too much about the Barker-Karpis gang, and was inclined to talk too freely when he was drunk.

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### THEY GET THEIR MAN

One of the things which make federal officers much more feared by the underworld than state officers is the relentlessness with which they go after their man.

State authorities as a general rule are inclined to drop a case after a considerable time has elapsed without results being achieved. Other cases occur to demand attention, or a change in officials may be a factor.

The federal government, however, follows the policy of never giving up. Public interest and even the interest of higher officials may wane, but the men in the field have orders to "get their man." This they do with remarkable consistency. The relentlessness of their search is illustrated in the capture of Alvin Karpis.

The work of department of justice agents has been greatly increased since the government undertook to assist the states in the war on kidnapers and other gangsters. This promises to be further added to through the enactment of bills now pending in Congress.

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### Federal War on Crime

The recent achievement of "G-men", under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover, in capturing Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, is one more demonstration of the efficiency with which certain kinds of crime and criminals can be suppressed by a national body of police.

Indeed, it is doubtful whether Karpis, or any of his predecessors in organized crime, would have been brought to justice if their pursuit had been left to the direction of local police. Karpis was a hard nut even for the federal agents. They had trailed him for nearly three years. Last year he and a companion shot their way out of a hotel in Atlantic City after they had been surrounded by a dozen policemen armed with shotguns.

Twenty-one hours later they were 300 miles distant from Atlantic City, thanks to a speedy motor car which they commandeered from its owner. Modern transportation explains, of course, why so many varieties of crime have become national in scope.

Karpis resorted frequently to the use of airplanes in order to evade pursuers. It was nothing unusual for him to engage a commercial plane to take him on a 1,000-mile flight to some southern hideout. Here today and gone tomorrow, he was most elusive.

Local authorities would have had small chance of cornering him. But government men could conduct their hunt nationally, spreading a network of spies and informers over the country. In the case of Karpis they were not aided by local authorities, but in many other cases they did derive information from local officials, weigh and sift it and coordinate the efforts of these officials.

Mr. Hoover has good reason to be elated over his most recent achievement, coming as it does so soon after an attempt was made in Congress to reduce the appropriation for his bureau and even to belittle its work.

It is regrettable that the bureau of investigation cannot be employed in more criminal cases where local authorities fail to act vigorously. In every great city there are organized criminal gangs that enjoy a certain immunity through alliances with crooked politicians and crooked police. Federal agents, free of such alliances, could soon bring such offenders to justice.

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## G-MEN'S SUCCESS IS HELD DUE TO EFFICIENT RESEARCH SYSTEM

### Hoover's Sleuths Seek the "Whole Picture of Crime."

(A criminal case history, demonstrating the spectacular and practical results obtained by the G-men through their implacable and intelligent devotion to detail, is presented here in the second of a series of four articles. The writer is a newspaper man who was privileged to look into the inner workings of the Government's criminal laboratory in Washington.)

By LEMUEL F. PARTON  
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WASHINGTON, D. C., May 6—Ma Barker was a wicked old haridan with the deadly eye of the basilisk. She whelped a brood of killers, all done for now—thanks to the G-men and their occupational hazards—and Ma, too, is a casualty of J. Edgar Hoover's open season

for murderers, losing the decision in a machine gun argument with the Federals. Thus the Barker interests of the Barker-Karpis murder syndicate were liquidated, and now the Karpis holdings are written off with the doubtlessly permanent isolation of the homicidal but ratty and slack-featured Alvin Karpis.

It is said that cold-blooded reptiles don't die until sundown. So with the gangs. One could go back thirty years to the demise of some notorious western bad man, in a roadside brush with the law, and find that the elimination was like lifting a single scale from a Gila monster. The crime hook-up runs back through decades, as did the Barkers and their cumulative villainies. That's why Mr. Hoover and his special agents have gone in for historicity rather than histrionics. To break widely ramifying and interlocking gangs, they must get the whole picture.

The 6,000,000 fingerprints in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation would be just so many ciphers without an integer to give them meaning. Finding these integers is the work of Mr. Hoover's unique organization of police techniques and intelligence. In my sessions with the G-men, during the last three months, I realized clearly that their remarkable showing of efficiency is the harvest of organization, systematization, co-ordination and research, a vast amount of which may have no bearing for the moment on any particular crime, but which is more than likely to disclose some tendril of evidence which leads to the criminal. Office sleuths, following such a lead, are quite as important as the men in the field.

### WATCHING ST. PAUL

Early in 1933 Hoover's men were paying special attention to St. Paul. It was a grand hunting preserve for crook catchers. Local police had made the town king's-X for thugs, on condition that they work at their trade elsewhere. Trying to isolate the crime virus, Mr. Hoover had located St. Paul as a point of focal infection. He had a fat dossier on the journeymen "snatchers" and killers who enjoyed sanctuary there.

On June 15, 1933, William Hamm, rich brewer, was banged on the head with a pistol butt as he left his office, tossed into a car, taken to a hide-out and held for \$100,000 ransom. Prominent in Hoover's St. Paul crime anthology was one Shotgun Ziegler, a rather ornate thug, supposedly highly educated. At that time, the outlines of the Barker-Karpis gang were rather vague in the F. B. I. files, but Ziegler seemed a "natural" for such an enterprise. He was one of the most garrulous of killers and the G-men had had word that he had been planning to branch out.

The day after Hamm was kidnapped, a St. Paul newspaper told the police the address of a suburban house where Hamm possibly had been taken, as previously told here. How the police passed up the beer bottles, also has been told. G-men are trained in routine as thoroughly as a quarterback in snapping the ball. It was routine for them to lift a couple of prints from a beer bottle and shoot them to Washington by air. It was also routine for a mystifying machine to kick out the identifications of Frank Nash and Paula Harmon quicker than you could say J. Edgar Hoover. Frank Nash was arrested.

### NASH IS KILLED

Two days after the Hamm kidnapping, three gangsters killed Nash and three officers, at Kansas City,

trying to rescue the former from the Federals. Had it not been for that fingerprint, Mr. Hoover's beagles on the Hamm case would have been off on a false trail. A sequence of evidence, started by the print, linked Nash with the Hamm kidnaping and hung the Kansas City massacre on Verne Miller, Pretty Boy Floyd and Adam Richetti, to all of whom the Federals later dealt just retribution.

In one year's operations, the Barker-Karpis gang cleaned up about \$500,000 in cash. When, on January 17, 1934, they kidnaped Edward Bremer, president of the Commercial Bank of St. Paul, they raised their ransom price to \$200,000. But by this time the special agents were riding hard on their trail. That fateful fingerprint had linked Nash with Shotgun Ziegler and a thorough shakedown of Ziegler evidence had linked him with the Barker-Karpis gang. Ziegler had been happily eliminated by a fellow thug at Cicero on March 22, 1934, and the objective narrowed to Arthur ("Doc") Barker and the sullen, silent and shifty Karpis—not so noisy as his mates and therefore harder to catch.

J. Edgar Hoover vehemently urges everybody, including country sheriffs, not to touch any evidence of crime. A cross-roads sheriff, near Portage, Wis., heard and heeded. When some farmers located some gasoline cans, abandoned under suspicious circumstances, he forbade anybody to touch them and wired the G-men. On one of them they found a fingerprint of Barker. There was other evidence that the car had been driven by the Bremer kidnapers.

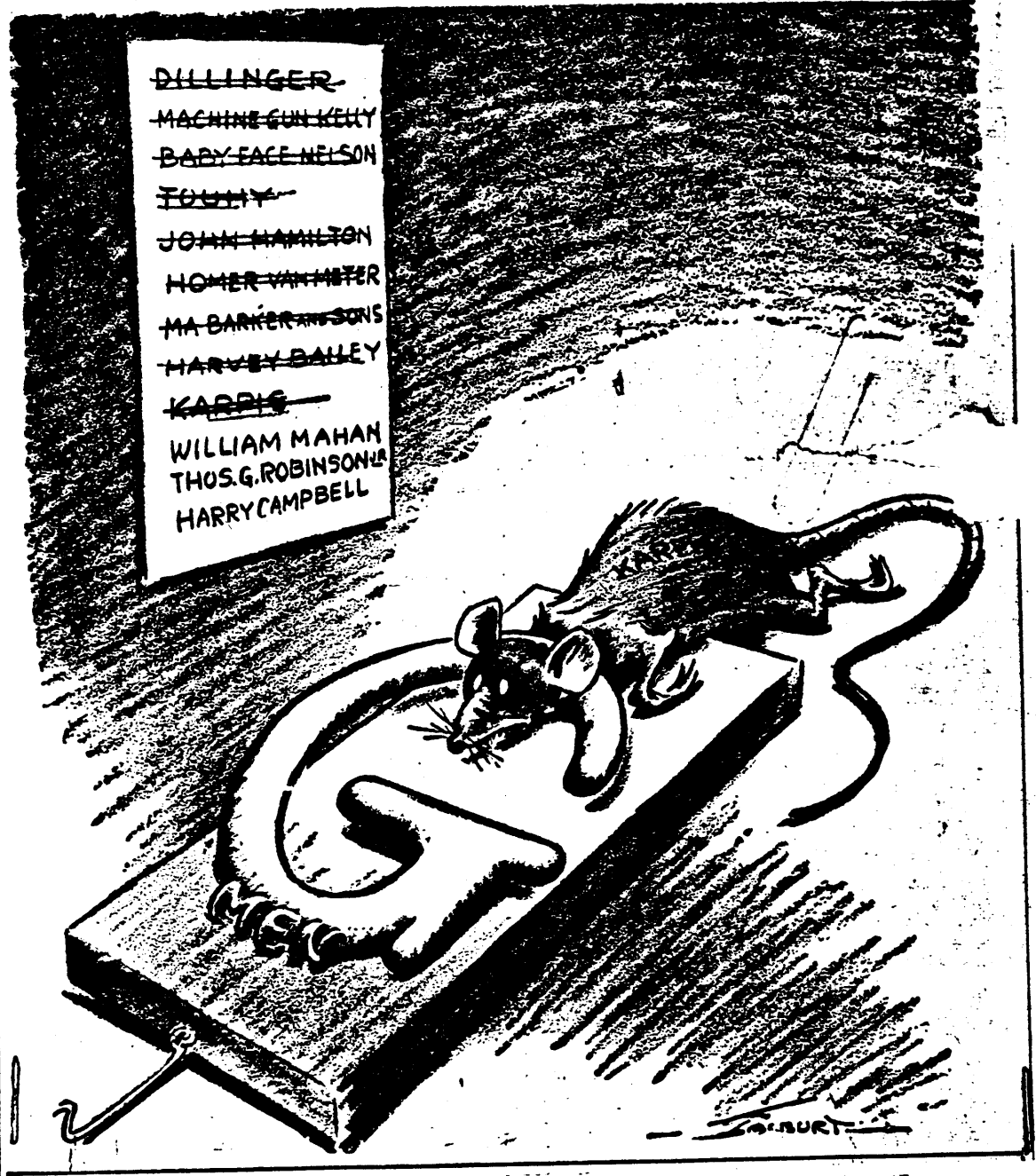
From that point, the whole case began to unwind like a ball of string. There had been previous information that the gang had proceeded by flashlight signals. The special agents showed pictures of Barker and Karpis to all flashlight dealers in St. Paul. Karpis was identified as the purchaser of four flashlights. Next came the breakdown of handlers of the ransom money, the flushing of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, who did the Karpis face-alterations, and the wreck of various political fixers and fences along the line, all of which collateral happenings would make a fat book.

#### KARPIS IN JAIL

While the main point of interest, for the moment, is that Alvin Karpis is in jail, it is to be noted that such a case history as this reveals the first national crime drive as cutting a wide swath. While the G-men were after Karpis, they also gleaned such illustrious crime impresarios as Earl Weaver, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, Fred Barker (bullet-riddled with his implacable and rheumy-eyed old mother in Florida), Arthur ("Doc") Barker, Kate Barker and Edna Murray—all dead or permanently out of circulation.

In what respect are Mr. Hoover's operations unique? What are the G-men doing with their great "crime laboratory," their 6,000,000 fingerprints, their 39 sub-bureaus, their shooting gallery, their police school and their army of 1,700 indoor and outdoor sleuths? What are the political restraints on the Federal war against crime? Like a photographic plate in a dark room, the picture develops if one explores the Federal Bureau of Investigation—minutiae as disparate as the nuts and bolts in a conveyor belt factory, but quite as perfectly integrated.

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**'GIRL IN WHITE'**



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**SPIRITED AWAY** from New Orleans by U. S. agents is "the girl in white," known as Ruth Robinson, seized with Alvin Karpis, ex-Public Enemy No. 1. —**Scout**

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